

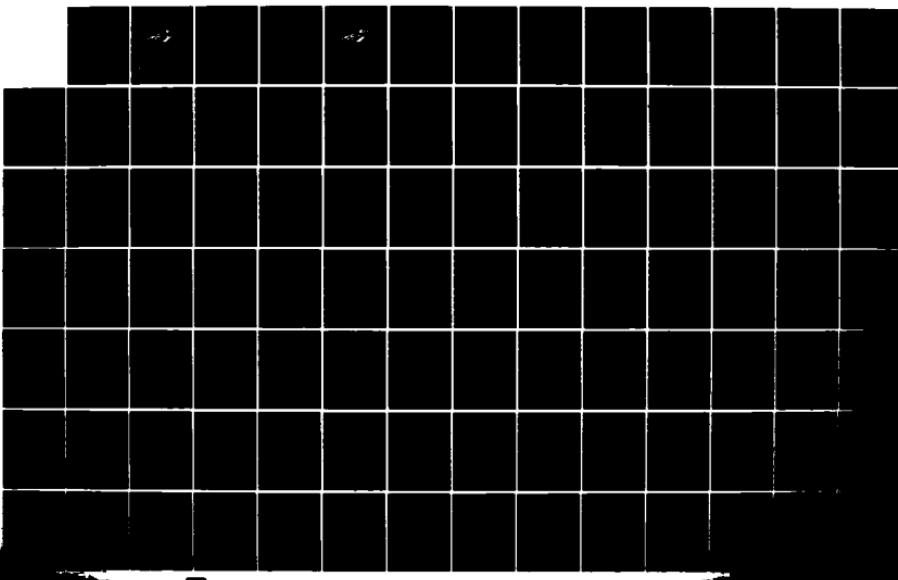
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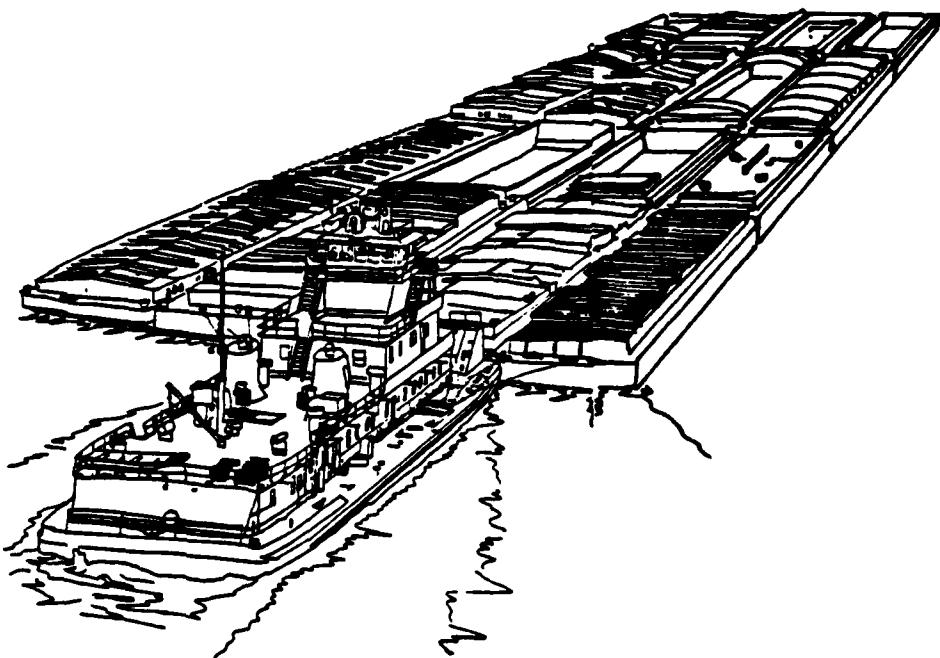
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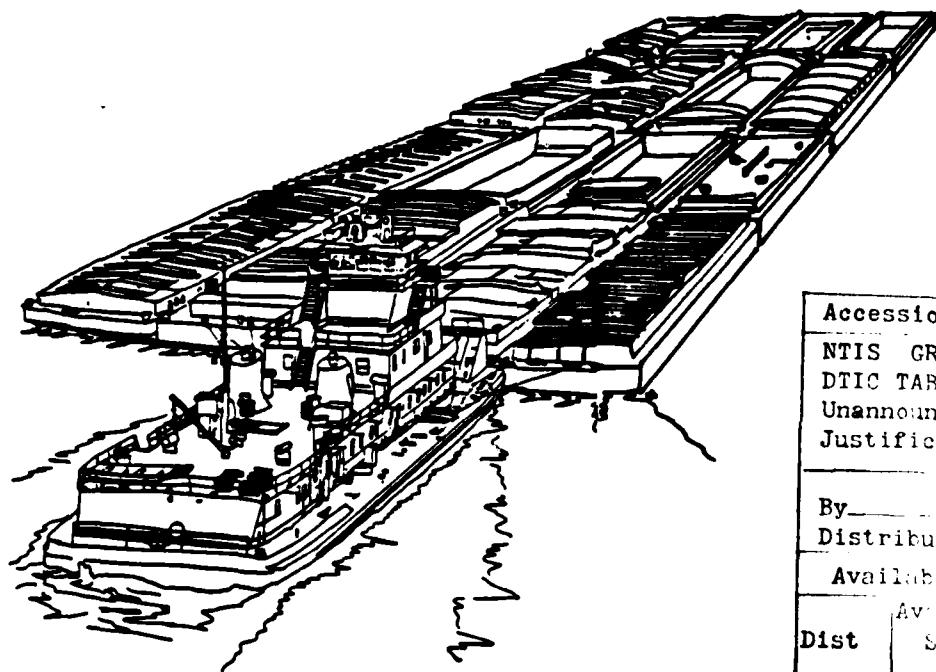
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## **FOREWORD**

Under the sponsorship of the United States Maritime Administration, Dravo-Mechling Corporation (DMC) and Temple, Barker & Sloane, Inc. (TBS), developed and now describe in this document a structure and methodology for strategic planning that has been specifically designed to meet the needs of the inland barge and towing operator.

### **STATUS OF INLAND BARGE AND TOWING INDUSTRY**

From 1940-1980, the U.S. inland barge industry was a growing and relatively stable segment of the bulk marine transportation industry. Compared to the oceangoing subsidized sector of the U.S. merchant marine, it is relatively free from regulations for the majority of its traffic.

For these reasons, the inland barge industry had attracted many corporate owners and investors. In many cases their portfolios had grown to include barge fleets, towboats, fleeting and operating services, bulk and general cargo loading and discharge terminals, new construction, and repair shipyards. In addition, some major customers--including grain companies, coal producers, utilities, agricultural cooperatives and chemical companies--had invested directly in inland barge operations. Many companies expanded their roles in a range of functions from private terminal operators through barge building. In recent years, these companies have been affected by the activities of independent investors and private carriers who have changed the structure and behavior of the industry. The current depression in equipment use and carrier profitability and revenues has led to bankruptcies, mergers, and acquisitions, and has altered customers' relationships with the for-hire carriers. It is critical that carriers understand and respond appropriately to these changes.

The industry also finds itself operating in an increasingly complex and volatile economic and trade environment. In the last decade, barge loadings have expanded significantly as a result of the increased agricultural exports from the Gulf of Mexico ports, where commercial, government-financed, and government-to-government programs have been established. Exports of coal to foreign utilities and steel producers have increased. For the foreign purchasers of these dry bulk commodities, the United States remains a vital, but often the last-choice, supplier that meets

the fluctuating year-to-year needs, which are driven by international political, economic, and financial realities. Strong demand during one year is often followed by weak demand during the next. In the domestic arena, the changing levels of energy and natural-resource consumption during economic recessions and expansions have complicated trading conditions and investment decision-making. All these factors lead to erratic fluctuations in demand for barge services, which are difficult to satisfy.

The inland barge and towing industry has also been faced with a changing regulatory environment. Railroad deregulation and the resulting pricing policies will be a fundamental competitive aspect of the 1980s. And it is possible that the barge industry will be eliminated from the Interstate Commerce Commission's (ICC) regulatory realm. Nationwide initiatives for water resource development and waterway user fees for cost recovery will affect both the costs and markets of inland barge operations and could cause other economic effects on the regions served by the industry. Finally, fuel availability, quality, and price must be related to capital and operating decisions concerning towboat investments.

#### NEED FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING

The business environment for the 1980s and 1990s will place heavy demands on private enterprise for the effective use of assets. Because of the volatility of inland barge conditions, the returns from operations as well as the market value of assets can vary widely from year to year. If individual companies do not make the appropriate decisions, the entire industry as well as the shippers that rely on the barge industry can be profoundly affected.

In this increasingly complex and competitive environment, independent inland barge carriers will face difficult decisions related to the refurbishing of capital assets. If barge line owners cannot foresee future returns on investments that compare favorably to returns in other businesses or that exceed their capital costs, even the more successful companies might consider the divestiture of assets, if they could find buyers. But if they remain in the ring, they may find themselves driven to low cost, low risk, and timid strategies that would ultimately reduce service and industry capability.

Like most sectors of the maritime industry, the inland barge industry has in all too many instances been directed by managers with limited exposure to other industries, who generally have

more technical than management training, more operational than analytical experience, and who now find themselves surrounded by complex market issues, legislation, and regulation.

As the inland barge industry's executive decision-making environment has changed, so has the governmental policy makers' framework. To ensure that government programs are tailored to the industry's needs in the new environment, it is crucial to achieve a better understanding of the market conditions that the industry will face in the future.

The following premises state the reasons for recognizing strategic planning as vital to the recovery and future health of the inland barge industry:

- Knowledge of expected market supply and demand is critical to the future of the inland barge and towing industry.
- Planning is fundamental to successful management in what should be an increasingly volatile industry.
- The evaluation of fundamental economic, industrial, regulatory, competitive, and political issues is a critical step in the planning process.
- Managing in a marketplace of excess capacity and/or weak trade levels requires greater care in making investment, operational, sales, and other decisions than managing in a strong market.
- Techniques can be developed to give managers important information to guide them in strategy development and implementation.
- Strategies are composed of various service, price, cost, charter, investment, financial, operating, and organizational elements.

#### PLANNING REQUIREMENTS FOR BARGE LINES

The planning requirements of an inland barge line must focus on the following:

- Developing an analysis and forecasts of both current and potential markets;

- Assessing the need for new industry and company strategies and structures to better confront competitive and underlying economic realities;
- Matching equipment and technology to the evolving market requirements and competitive conditions;
- Improving the productivity of physical, capital, and human resources;
- Developing the managerial talent and organizational strengths, without which strategic plans remain just unused blueprints;
- Optimizing the industry and company capitalization and capital access; and
- Constructively addressing the legislative, regulatory, and associated inter- and intra-industry practices that impede progress and performance.

During the next decade every inland carrier will be challenged by the constant need to make major equipment decisions against the backdrop of increasing competition. This document provides a mechanism for the inland barge and towing companies to identify likely future market and competitive conditions and develop appropriate strategies using state-of-the-art strategic planning concepts and techniques.

## I. INTRODUCTION: A STRUCTURE FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING

### SUMMARY

Recent history underscores the unpredictability that the operator of an inland barge line is likely to face over the next decade. The government-imposed export restrictions, changing energy prices, and worldwide recession can play havoc with the most carefully planned company strategy. These shocks to long term trends can not be forecasted. However, effective strategic planning can mitigate much of the destabilizing impact of the unexpected.

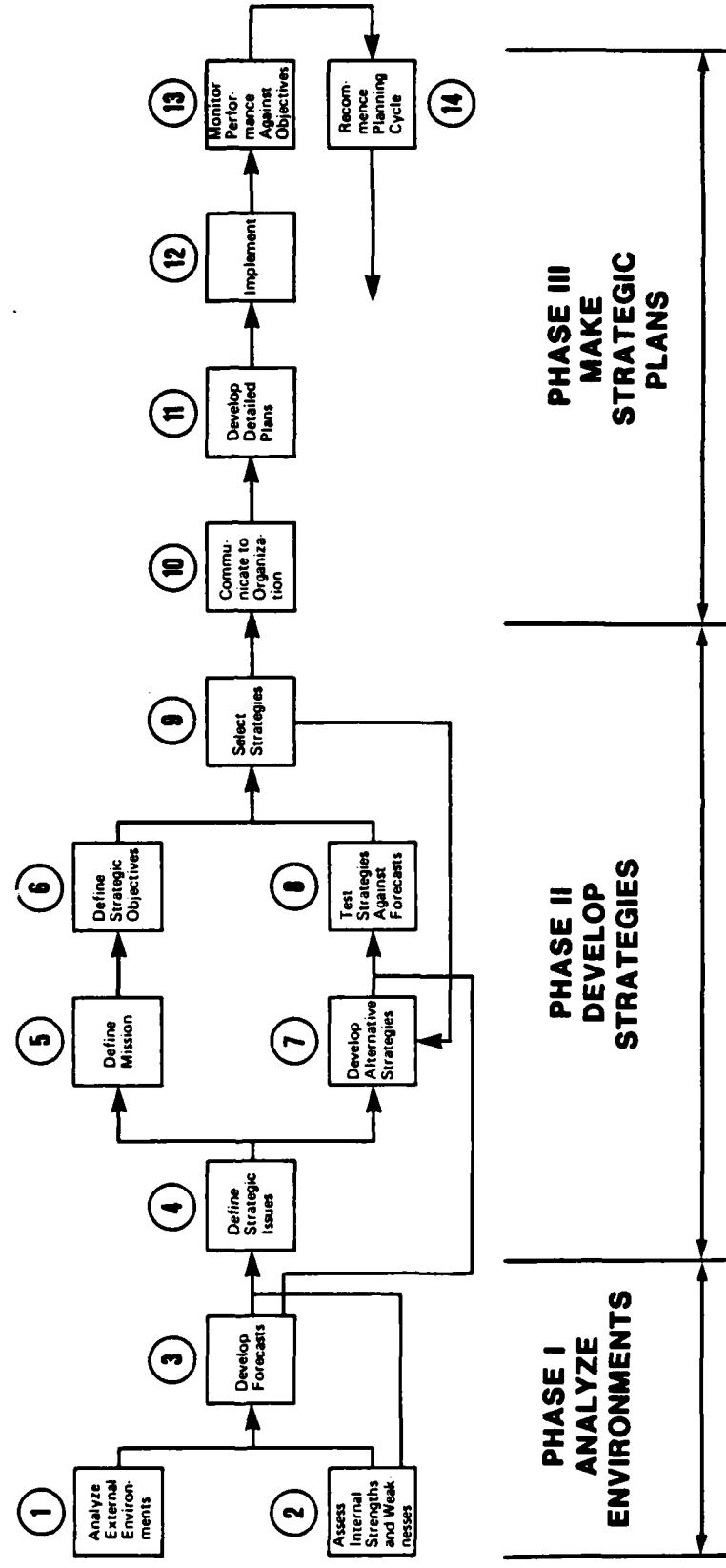
This manual develops--and this chapter briefly outlines--a structure for planning that will enable managers of inland barge lines to deal more effectively with the challenges of the future. The planning process consists of three phases: first, an analysis and forecast of the company's business environments, second, the development of company objectives and strategies, third, the implementation of the selected strategy.

Figure I-1 illustrates the sequence of and interaction among the various steps of the planning process. The process begins with an analysis of the various environments within which the company operates. This analysis provides a basis for projecting the future external factors that will affect the barge line. Given this projection, the company's capabilities are assessed to determine the issues of strategic importance--factors that may play a critical role in the company's future success. Then alternative strategies are then designed to address the challenges of the strategic issues. These strategies are rigorously tested to select those that will be most effective in the future. Finally, the cycle is completed when the strategy selected is implemented. Monitoring performance against strategic objectives leads to the identification of new strategic issues. Then the process begins anew.

Effective planning leads to developing strategies that: (1) align the barge line's resources to use its strengths in areas of opportunity while avoiding vulnerability; (2) ensure enough flexibility to respond to the unforeseen; and (3) provide yardsticks that monitor the company's progress towards its strategic objectives.

An established planning system enables a barge line to respond quickly to meet the challenge of short-term crises as well as long-term planning needs. Quick reactions are built into

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**STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS**



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### Analyze External Environments

#### The Industry

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- Fertilizer

- Coal
- Construction materials
- Ores
- Minerals
- Iron and steel products
- Forest products
- Chemicals
- Clean petroleum products
- Dirty petroleum products

In developing a market forecast, it is necessary to go beyond the analysis of historical trends in commodity movements and look at the underlying economic and other forces that affect the movements. The demand for transportation on the river system comes from the demand for the goods to be moved. Therefore, the need for shipping services is a direct function of the economic conditions surrounding the production and consumption of the commodities. To project the traffic levels on specific waterways requires forecasting the general economic conditions and outlook for the specific sectors of industry, mining, and agriculture. A knowledge of slated industrial projects and commodity export opportunities is also valuable for producing a reliable trade forecast.

This forecasted market for services by the barge industry should not be confused with the market for services of the planner's barge line. Forecasts of the company's markets are based on more specific factors such as equipment availability, rate structure, sales performance, competitors' actions, and other factors, both internal and external to the company.

#### The Competitors

To analyze competitors, a planner must learn who they are and what are their present and projected strategies. The analysis should identify the competitors' relative strengths and weaknesses, thus indicating potential opportunities for and threats to the company. The planner should seek insights into how specific competitors may react to environmental changes or to specific strategies adopted by the company.

One of the key aspects of this analysis is to use important business attributes to profile a competitor's position as it relates to the company. These attributes include the number and types of towboats and barges in service, market segments served (e.g., by river and commodity), rate activity, and market role (e.g., leader or follower).

Important insights that may be obtained from analyzing competitors include the following:

- Understanding their market interests based on their equipment profiles, deployments of towboats and barges, and access to additional equipment.
- Knowing their marketing strategies as revealed by their activities in public trading of covered barge contracts, and bids offered to shippers.
- Noting their operating efficiencies by observing their fleeting locations, tow makeups, operating areas, and frequency of service.
- Determining whether or not competitors' perceived strategies in specific market segments are compatible with their overall interests.

All markets that each competitor serves should be analyzed to determine its flexibility in equipment deployment, previous actions in similar situations, and the priorities that specific types of traffic hold in the competitor's total sphere of operations.

#### Other Environmental Factors

The complexity of the business environment in which a barge line operates requires that a number of other factors be analyzed. The primary areas requiring attention are: the legal and regulatory environment, changes in the physical characteristics of the waterways, new technology, availability of resources used by barge lines, and activities of competing inland modes of transportation.

##### ● Legal and Regulatory

The objective of an analysis of the legal and regulatory environment is to identify the areas that support or limit the company's operations. With this information, the planner can build strategies that gain the maximum advantage from the en-

vironment and support the legislative initiatives that would be to the company's advantage. Examples of these issues are intermodal ownership, waterway user charges, and ICC deregulation.

- Physical Characteristics of the Waterway System

Changes in the inland waterway system can make an important impact on the future operations and markets of a barge line. Lock repairs, low water, and floods can impose delays on particular waterways that could seriously affect the economics of markets. On the other hand, planned improvements to existing waterways, such as the 1,200 foot lock at Alton, IL, or the new waterway connecting the Tennessee and Tombigbee Rivers can improve operating efficiencies or open up entirely new markets.

- New Technology

Improvements in towboat and barge design and materials handling technology can reduce costs significantly or open new market segments to a barge line. While the current state of design and construction of inland vessels is quite advanced, there are some improvements coming, such as more cost-effective diesel engines burning heavier fuels and fuel monitoring systems that permit more efficient engine speed control. The correct timing of new investments in advanced technology should fit into the total financial framework of the company.

- Availability of Resources

The availability of barges, towboats, fuel, manpower, and other key resources that are used in the barge line's operations will affect the cost structure of the company and the industry. Since barge rates are very sensitive to changes in capital and operating costs, knowing the supply and demand in these resource markets is very useful in understanding the dynamics of the barge transportation market.

- Competing Modes of Transportation

Construction, merger, market entry, and pricing activities of railroads and pipelines can seriously affect inland barge line markets and profitability. The barge line strategic planner must be aware of new developments in these competing modes.

### Assess Internal Strengths and Weaknesses

#### The Company

The next step is to conduct an internal assessment of the company's strengths and weaknesses relative to others in the industry. A prime objective of the internal evaluation is to identify areas of competitive advantage, such as fully depreciated barges, that may be used to exploit future opportunities. However, the assessment should also identify areas of weakness, such as high cost terminal operations that may dictate a future strategy of shutting down these facilities to decrease the company's vulnerability. Particular performance criteria that a planner should assess include indicators of service levels, customer satisfaction, market share, cost structure, equipment use, financial performance, information systems, and adequacy of personnel.

#### Develop Forecasts

The final step in the first phase is to develop forecasts of the markets in which company is currently active or has an interest in entering. The forecasts are primarily focused on the demand side of the market: to determine the future requirements of shippers to use barge services to transport their raw materials and products on the inland waterway system. The supply side is also important, as represented by the expected availability of barges and towboats to transport the commodities. It is the future interactions of these two elements that determine the market for a barge line. The planner should use whatever information that he can obtain to develop useful forecasts of all elements of the markets served by the company.

### PHASE TWO: STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

During the second phase of the planning process, the separate elements of analysis carried out earlier must be combined in order to determine how their interaction shapes the future environment and the barge line's ability to prosper. A number of different analytical approaches may be required to integrate all the components. In creating an understanding of the company's future environment, the planner should identify the issues that are likely to be critical to the company's success. These strategic issues provide the focal point for developing and evaluating alternative strategies.

### Corporate Mission and Strategic Objectives

A corporate mission defines what a company plans to be. Strategic objectives are yardsticks that measure the success of the company in fulfilling that mission. The projected future environment provides a frame of reference to express the company's mission and strategic objectives. A statement of corporate mission need only include: (1) what markets the company will serve, (2) what customer needs will be met, and (3) how the company will provide those services. Strategic objectives are more specific and should reflect the company's perceptions of the future business environment and its own ability to prosper within that environment.

Effective strategic objectives provide a basis for allocating resources and evaluating the company's performance. They should provide measurable benchmarks for tracking and controlling performance in order to identify or anticipate a need for mid-course corrections. To successfully meet these objectives, the company's personnel who are responsible for implementing the strategies must be committed.

Strategic objectives must be sufficiently specific to serve as valid measures of performance. However, they must also be varied enough in the criteria they set to preclude manipulating the results through inappropriate tradeoffs, such as boosting growth in revenues at the expense of profits, or delaying vessel replacement in order to maximize short-term ROI.

### Strategic Issues

Strategic issues are major changes in the barge line's environment that are considered likely to have a significant impact on the company's future. Early in the process, the environmental analysis may well identify numerous important strategic issues. Others may surface later as the company's ability to perform in the future is projected against the backdrop of the forecast environment. Such issues generally fall into the following areas:

- Changes in the amount or nature of commodities moving on specific waterways
- Towboat and barge availability
- Behavior of competitors, both barge operators and other modes

- Legal and regulatory constraints
- Waterway capacity
- Developments in technology
- Availability of resources
- The company's ability to meet future challenges

#### The Selection of Strategy

Developing strategy focuses on the means by which the company can meet the challenges posed by the strategic issues and attain its strategic objectives. To avoid preselecting a less than optimal strategy, a number of alternative strategies should be developed. So that a company gains a broad perspective on its problems and their potential solutions, these strategic options should stem from a variety of the company's functional areas. The process of developing several options, which are then subjected to rigorous, unbiased testing, should lead to a vote of confidence for the strategy that is finally chosen.

Each strategic option should possess enough financial detail so that resource requirements, cash flows, and market position are clearly defined over the planning period. Planners should specifically note and resolve the potential conflicts or paradoxes within a strategy, e.g., growth versus short-term profitability.

Computer simulation is very effective in integrating the diverse elements produced by the strategic analysis. Simulation tests the strategic options under the projected environmental conditions. Assumptions on future operating costs and rates can be loaded into an interactive computer model to project the company's financial, market share, and capacity use. The model can also test the sensitivity of strategic options to variations in key assumptions.

Planners should relate the projected performance of each strategic alternative to selected criteria, such as the internal rate of return, consistency with strategic objectives, flexibility of response to unforeseen environmental changes, minimization of downside risk, and effective use of human and capital resources.

In the process of testing and evaluating, it is possible that additional strategic issues may emerge, requiring a loop

back to the development or refinement of further strategies to deal with the new issues.

#### PHASE THREE: THE STRATEGIC PLAN

The third and final phase of the planning process culminates in a plan that is both comprehensive and workable. Of primary importance in this phase is communicating to all those concerned with its implementation the philosophy and details of the strategic decision. Responsibility must be delegated to those expected to carry out the strategy. Because many of these individuals may already have participated in the strategy's development, their commitment should instill confidence in the selected strategy among their colleagues.

##### Development of Business Plans

A series of detailed business plans transforms the strategy from the abstract to the concrete. Normally integral parts of formal planning documents (such as five-year and annual plans), these plans include the following:

The Sales Plan identifies and prioritizes specific customer needs and, where applicable, the particular customers or market segments where sales efforts should be focused.

The Competitive Plan states assumptions about the competition's behavior and develops the specific actions the organization should take to neutralize any competitive activity that could damage the strategic plan.

The Operations/Service Plan details how the organization will carry out its strategy in terms of vessel and land-based operations in order to meet the strategy's timetable.

The Financial Plan develops short-term financial details that are used to develop budgets and financial controls.

The Organizational/Personnel Development Plan structures the organization to meet the demands of the strategic plan and allocates human resources in order to best carry out the strategy.

The Corporate Development Plan synchronizes the needs and contributions of the barge line with those of the rest of corporation's divisions.

Each business plan can be taken to the appropriate level of detail required to formulate one-year plans and budgets. This final critical step carries the objectives and broad detail of the strategic plan through to the implementation stage.

#### Monitoring Performance

Along with the strategic plan and its offshoots (the business plans), several yardsticks gauge progress. Should the environment alter so that the original strategic plan becomes unworkable, the yardsticks provide an early indication of any major differences between plan and reality. Such an indication will send the planner back to the appropriate point in the planning process to deal with the new issue.

#### CONCLUSION

The essence of strategic planning is the process of planning, not the plan. A formalized system as we have described is needed to guide and stimulate the process of strategic planning. In the end, the plan is the product of a series of assumptions about the future, some of which are bound to prove inaccurate. The dynamic process of planning is critical to directing the enterprise through the future's uncertainties.

A strategic planning system offers tremendous decision-making assistance to the managers of a barge line. The principal assets of such a system include: the greater depth and perspective it adds to a company's understanding of the environment; the increased communication it creates between people within the company in the expression of objectives, the sensing of needs, and the development of strategies; and, finally, the coordination of all the company's resources into a consensus-based strategy to position the company to prosper in the future.

## II. INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

Information fuels the strategic planning process. Without accurate and planning-oriented data, the planning process deteriorates to groping in the dark, using just intuition and hearsay. Especially for the analysis of the firm's environments conducted in Phase I, planners should collect data regularly and systematically.

### TYPES OF INFORMATION

The strategic planner's information needs are many and varied, but generally fall into the following categories:

- Information on the industry in which the company operates. This information can provide insights into the successes and failures of similar barge lines, the factors behind such events, and major trends on an industrywide basis. Such knowledge can prove useful in determining the market value of firms in the industry and associated problems of capital formation.
- Financial and operational data on the company itself. This information can be used to compare the company's performance to industry yardsticks and help determine the company's unique strengths and weaknesses.
- Environmental information on the applicable laws and regulations, waterway characteristics, new technology, and availability of resources.
- Finally, and of central importance to the identification of future areas of opportunity and threat, information on the supply and demand aspects of the markets in which the company competes or may in the future compete. Essentially, this entails a knowledge of the company's competitors and customers.

Although we will generally deal with these various database areas separately, it must be noted that during the strategic planning process the areas cannot always be analyzed separately but instead must be integrated and synthesized. Because they are interrelated, one must understand how these parts fit the whole in order to project the firm's future environment.

### STRATEGIC INFORMATION DATABASE

Figure II-1 provides a summary of the suggested major components of a strategic information database. The means of storing these data may range from collecting hard-copy annual reports or press clippings on competitors to computerizing trade and market-share data. Maintaining such an information base plays a useful function both in regular strategic planning and in crises, when solid, timely, and easily accessible data may be critical to on-the-spot decision making.

The following chapters describe the specific means of storing, retrieving, and analyzing the data. These sections cover the various components of the strategic analysis of a company and the environments in which it operates.

Appendix A is an annotated bibliography that describes a number of governmental and private information sources that are available to the public. References are arranged according to the following topics:

- Commodity flow statistics
- Shipper industry data
- Government studies
- Terminals
- Equipment
- Costs
- Competitors
- Economic factors
- Information sources

### CORPS OF ENGINEERS DATA

The Waterborne Commerce Statistics, prepared by the CofE, Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center (WCSC), provide the most consistent, accurate, and meaningful source of historical inland waterways transportation data. Waterborne Commerce of the United

Figure II-1

MAJOR COMPONENTS OF A STRATEGIC INFORMATION  
BASE FOR THE BARGE OPERATOR

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Required Data	Potential Data Source
<b><u>Industry Data</u></b>	
Financial and operating data on other barge operators.	Annual reports; SEC Form 10-K; business press.
Current information on competitors, including:	Business/industry publications; MarAd data; Corps of Engineers statistics; contacts with customers and suppliers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Fleet configuration, capacity, and use</li> <li>--New buildings</li> <li>--Market share</li> <li>--Intelligence on potential strategic moves</li> <li>--Ownership, management</li> </ul>	
<b><u>Company Data</u></b>	
Detailed operations and financial data on own company, including:	Internal management accounts and reporting systems.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Tons and ton-miles carried by river and commodity</li> <li>--Tons and revenue of movements between origin/destination pairs by commodity</li> <li>--Customer revenues and tons by river and commodity</li> <li>--Equipment acquisition and operating costs</li> <li>--Terminal operating costs</li> <li>--Towing capacity and use</li> <li>--Barge capacity and use</li> <li>--Outside towing expense</li> <li>--Overhead expenses</li> <li>--Financial statements</li> </ul>	

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MAJOR COMPONENTS OF A STRATEGIC INFORMATION  
BASE FOR THE BARGE OPERATOR

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Required Data	Potential Data Source
<u>Other Environmental Data</u>	
Current information on political and economic conditions affecting present and potential markets. Particular factors to focus on:	Newspapers, newsletters, and other publications; econometric forecasting organizations (Chase, DRI, Wharton); analyses by banks; local agents/representatives, government officials.
--Regulatory policies	
--Changes in the waterway system	
--Other mode activities	
Physical characteristics of the waterway system.	Corps of Engineers; U.S. Coast Guard; waterway development associations; State transportation agencies; industry press.
Developments in technology likely to affect the industry.	Technical journals; shipyards; industry press.
Information on suppliers of critical goods and services:	
--Labor costs and availability	Labor contacts; oil company fuel projections; industry publications; economic projections for capital equipment costs; banking publications.
--Fuel costs and availability	
--Capital equipment cost and availability	
--Capital availability	
Activities of competing modes of transportation:	Annual reports; SEC Form 10-K; business press; shippers.
--Regions served	
--Services offered	
--Trends in traffic	
--Planned changes	

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Potential Data Source

Corps of Engineers

Maritime Administration

Department of Agriculture

Department of Energy

Department of Energy

St. Louis Merchants Exchange

Waterways Freight Bureau, barge  
line tariffs

DRI; Chase; Wharton

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from commodities that are norm  
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example, fertilizer and fertilizer materials are reported by the CofE in the following categories:

- 1471 Phosphate rock
- 1479 Natural fertilizer materials, n.e.c.
- 2871 Nitrogenous chemical fertilizers, except mixtures
- 2872 Potassic chemical fertilizers, except mixtures
- 2873 Phosphatic chemical fertilizers, except mixtures
- 2879 Fertilizers and fertilizer materials, n.e.c.
- 3271 Lime

In addition, fertilizer movements are often reported by barge operators to the CofE as chemicals and are then included in the following categories:

- 2819 Basic chemicals and basic chemical products, n.e.c.
- 2891 Miscellaneous chemical products

It is difficult to relate barge types to commodity classifications. For example, nitrogenous chemical fertilizers include both urea, which is carried in covered hopper barges, and anhydrous ammonia, which is carried in temperature controlled tank barges. It is impossible to identify which of the many types of chemicals were carried as dry or liquid bulk cargoes.

While these inaccuracies exist when using the CofE data as a basis for forecasting demand for services of specific barge types, approximations are quite useful and have been used to develop the forecasts shown below.

### **III. INDUSTRY AND COMPETITOR ANALYSIS**

This chapter focuses on two important steps that occur early in the planning process: analyzing the barge and towing industry in which the company competes and analyzing the major strengths and weaknesses of the company's competitors.

#### **INDUSTRY ANALYSIS**

As suggested in the Chapter I discussion of the general framework for strategic planning, a knowledge of the industry as a whole is valuable in gaining insights into a particular company's strengths and weaknesses. Not only can the planner measure the company's relative performance, but he can also identify the factors underlying both the success of the industry leaders and the failure of weaker firms.

#### **Barge and Towing Industry**

There is a limited amount of publicly available data on individual companies in the industry. Since many barge lines are privately held, they do not publicly disclose annual reports. And because most publicly held barge lines are small parts of large diversified companies, data on the barge line are often reported in a service or product group such as "transportation" so that the barge line information can't be singled out.

Information on the industry as a whole is equally scarce. However, one useful resource is the annual study of financial statements performed by Robert Morris Associates, which uses data provided by banks. In recent years, 50-70 barge line companies have been reported. The information about assets, liabilities, and income, and the calculations of financial ratios are useful for understanding the following:

- The inland barge industry's overall financial performance
- Comparison between the barge and towing industry and other transportation modes
- Comparison between the planner's company and the industry as a whole

In addition to Robert Morris Associates' annual studies, similar data are available from Dun and Bradstreet.

#### Total Industry Analysis

The industry's financial performance for the years 1979-1983 is shown in Figure III-1. Assets and liabilities are shown as percentages of totals and classified as current or non-current. Income and expense data are shown as percentages of sales. Note the relative increases in operating and other expenses in the 1981 to 1983 period and the concurrent decreases in operating profit and pre-tax profit. The financial ratios are presented in the form of ranges and mean values.

#### Inter-Industry Analysis

In addition to examining the barge and towing industry as a whole, it is useful to compare the inland transportation system to other modes such as railroads, motor carriers, and pipelines.

In analyzing the barge industry, a critical issue is its ability to attract capital in the future. The question is important both from the perspective of the individual company (its ability to attract the capital needed to meet its growth and asset-replacement requirements) and that of the whole industry (its ability to support additional capacity needs). This issue cannot be addressed without comparing the performance of the inland barge industry with that of the other U.S. transportation industries. In addition to the previously noted resources on the barge industry, Moody's Transportation Manual and TRINC's Blue Book of the Trucking Industry provide data on U.S. rail, air, and road carriers. Figure III-2 provides a time series of data that can be compared to that of the barge industry, as in Figure III-3. It is important to note that the financial analyses of railroads and trucking companies are based on Interstate Commerce Commission accounting methods which can result in understatements of financial ratios such as Return on Equity.

#### COMPETITOR ANALYSIS

As a starting point, the planner should identify competitors and collect enough detail on their operations to permit a thorough analysis of their strengths, weaknesses, and current strategies. Although the competition generally comes from other for-hire barge operators, the concept of competition must be broad

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Figure III-1  
INLAND BARGE INDUSTRY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup>  
(percent)

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash	6.9	9.6	7.8	7.5	6.2
Accounts and Notes Receivable	18.0	15.4	19.1	16.0	11.5
Inventory	2.6	4.5	3.9	4.6	2.5
All Other Current	3.4	1.9	2.3	2.2	1.0
Total Current	31.0	31.5	33.0	30.3	21.2
Fixed Assets (net)	58.5	54.5	55.6	61.6	67.1
Intangibles (net)	0.2	1.4	0.4	0.5	0.6
All Other Non-Current	10.3	12.7	11.0	7.6	11.0
Total Non-Current	69.0	68.5	67.0	69.7	78.8
Total Current and Non-Current	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Notes Payable--Short Term	3.9	6.2	5.9	7.4	6.0
Current Mat.--LTD	7.1	5.0	5.7	9.8	4.6
Accounts and Notes Payable	12.3	9.2	13.5	9.8	6.2
Accrued Expenses	3.0	3.8	2.8	3.3	2.6
All Other Current	4.9	7.1	7.3	5.0	3.8
Total Current	31.2	31.4	35.2	31.3	23.3
Long-Term Debt	36.2	32.5	35.0	37.5	40.3
All Other Non-Current	2.7	4.9	2.6	4.6	5.5
Net Worth	29.9	31.2	27.2	26.6	30.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Income Data</b>					
Net Sales	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Operating Expenses	82.8	80.9	85.2	89.2	87.7
Operating Profit	17.2	19.1	14.8	10.8	12.3
All Other Expenses	4.5	4.8	6.0	7.6	9.4
Profit Before Taxes	12.7	14.3	8.8	3.2	2.9

<sup>1</sup>Source: Robert Morris Associates' Annual Statement Studies.

**Figure III-2**  
**FINANCIAL STATISTICS**  
**U.S. INLAND TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRIES**  
**1976-1981**  
**(dollars in millions)**

	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
<b>Inland Barge Lines<sup>1</sup></b>						
Revenue	\$900.3	\$999.7	\$1,163.0	\$1,288.6	\$1,487.9	\$1,691.6
Net Income	\$29.6	\$27.1	\$24.6	\$40.6	\$48.9	\$57.5
Total Assets	\$857.4	\$833.1	\$1,047.7	\$1,160.9	\$1,062.8	\$1,691.6
Stockholders' Equity	\$327.1	\$260.6	\$187.1	\$259.4	\$284.3	\$422.9
Profit Margin	3.3%	2.7%	2.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%
ROA	3.5%	3.3%	2.4%	3.5%	4.6%	3.4%
ROE	9.1%	10.9%	13.2%	15.7%	17.2%	13.6%
<b>Class 1 Railroads<sup>2</sup></b>						
Revenue	\$18,836.7	\$20,429.9	\$21,721.3	\$25,219.1	\$28,102.9	\$30,733.9
Net Income	\$(111.6)	\$227.1	\$306.8	\$938.3	\$1,191.4	\$2,204.5
Total Assets	\$36,029.8	\$38,377.9	\$38,895.2	\$41,830.6	\$45,888.6	\$48,819.8
Stockholders' Equity	\$15,183.7	\$15,920.9	\$16,182.8	\$17,796.1	\$19,860.0	\$21,725.1
Profit Margin	(0.5)%	1.1%	1.4%	3.7%	4.2%	7.2%
ROA	(0.3)%	0.6%	0.8%	2.2%	2.6%	4.5%
ROE	(0.7)%	1.4%	1.9%	5.3%	6.0%	11.1%
<b>Intercity Motor Carriers<sup>3</sup></b>						
Revenue	\$13,208.8	\$13,777.94	\$18,328.4	\$16,384.1	\$16,716.5	\$18,092.2
Net Income	\$364.9	\$462.8	\$594.6	\$359.4	\$149.5	\$393.5
Total Assets	\$6,028.4	\$6,385.2	\$8,006.9	\$7,490.9	\$7,307.0	\$7,595.0
Stockholders' Equity	\$2,821.3	\$3,020.9	\$3,573.6	\$3,283.7	\$3,004.1	\$3,234.6
Profit Margin	2.8%	3.4%	3.2%	2.2%	0.9%	2.2%
ROA	6.1%	7.2%	7.4%	4.8%	2.0%	5.2%
ROE	12.9%	15.3%	16.6%	10.9%	5.0%	12.2%

<sup>1</sup>Source: TBS analysis of Robert Morris Associates' Annual Statistical Studies (SIC 4441).

<sup>2</sup>Source: Moody's Transportation Manual.

<sup>3</sup>Source: ATA Financial Analysis of the Motor Carrier Industry (Group A, B, & C).

Figure III-3  
 COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL RATIO ANALYSIS  
 U.S. INLAND BARGE INDUSTRY VERSUS  
 OTHER U.S. INLAND TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRIES  
 (percent)

	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
<u>Return on Assets</u>						
Barge Lines	3.5	3.3	2.4	3.5	4.6	3.4
Railroads	(0.3)	0.6	0.8	2.2	2.6	4.5
Motor Carriers	6.1	7.2	7.4	4.8	2.0	5.2
<u>Return on Equity</u>						
Barge Lines	9.1	0.4	13.2	15.7	17.2	13.6
Railroads	(0.7)	1.4	1.9	5.3	6.0	11.1
Motor Carriers	12.9	9.3	16.6	10.9	5.0	12.2
<u>Profit Margin</u>						
Barge Lines	3.3	2.7	2.1%	3.2%	3.3	3.4
Railroads	(0.6)	1.1	1.4	3.7	4.2	7.2
Motor Carriers	2.8	3.4	3.2	2.2	0.9	2.2

Source: Figure III-2.

enough to include all existing and potential sources of competition, for example, private barge operators, railroads, and pipelines. The planner should be particularly aware of the threat from potential private competitors--shippers that are presently served by barge lines but may begin private barging of their own traffic and offering available equipment for hire to other shippers.

Once the scope of the competition has been determined, the strategic planner should seek to understand the historical competitive behavior in order to make an overall assessment of the nature of the competition. A database should be developed for each competitor, using such historical data as the following:

- Competitors' financial data such as revenues, assets, short-term and long-term debt
- Ownership and corporate structure of competitors
- Fleet profile by competitor: the total number of barges and towboats, by capacity, type, and use for both the entire river system and the planner's firm's direct competition
- Market activity: the major commodities carried, rivers served, important origin/destination pairs, and key shippers served
- Share of available barge capacity
- Other services offered, such as terminals, fleets, and repairs
- Relationships with other barge lines and vendors

In general, because of the sketchy information available about inland barge operators, it is difficult to assemble a complete picture of competitors' finances. However, it is possible with some effort to collect information about competitors' equipment availability and use active markets (by commodities carried and rivers served), and corporate organization and management styles.

Some of this information is available from governmental sources, such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Sometimes, individual companies provide information in their annual reports, promotional literature, and press releases to trade journals. Other intelligence can be collected within the planner's own company from competitors' former employees, shipper contacts, and

the operating personnel's observations of competitors' tows, fleets, switchings, loadings, and unloadings.

Although much of this information may be floating around the planner's company, it must be assembled and reviewed methodically to provide useful market information and an understanding of competitors' past and future activities.

The figures that follow illustrate examples of information on competitors. Figure III-4 shows TBS's estimates of 1982 revenues and numbers of employees for 25 large barge lines, which used publicly available data and estimates. Appendix D shows the capabilities of 30 large barge lines by identifying their types of equipment, terminals, building and repair facilities, other services offered, and fleet locations.

Major covered hopper fleets are listed in Figure III-5 for 26 barge operators by number of barges, capacity, and average year built. The data are plotted in Figure III-6 to give a visual representation of the barge capacities. Similar information for open hopper barge fleets of 20 companies is listed in Figure III-7 and depicted graphically in Figure III-8.

This information helps the strategic planner gain insight into several aspects of each competitor's behavior so that the following questions may be answered:

- What are the capabilities of the major competitors?
- What are their operating strategies?
- What are their strengths and weaknesses with respect to market coverage and carriage of key commodities on specific rivers?
- What has changed over time?

There are also numerous qualitative issues. Each competitor's fleet profile can help answer the questions below:

- What are the capabilities and financial shape of the competitor's fleet?
- Does the competitor's fleet tend to specialize?
- Does it employ significant scale economies?
- What is its relative market position?

Figure III-4

BARGE LINE 1982 REVENUES AND EMPLOYEE COUNT<sup>1</sup>

Parent Company	Company	\$ Revenue (millions)	Employees
IGT	American Commercial Barge	441	1,200
EGFA	Midland	151	1,400
Dravo	Dravo Mechling	67	600
CLC	Wisconsin Barge Line	67	600
FCB	Twin City Barge	60	400
Kirby	Dixie Carriers	59	400
HNG	Federal Barge Line	59	500
Agri-Trans	Agri-Trans	57	400
Chromalloy	Valley Line	52	800
Crounse	Crounse	36	400
U.S. Steel	Ohio Barge Line	36	400
	Consolidated Grain & Barge	26	700
Nicor	Sioux City New Orleans	26	200
U.S. Steel	National Marine Service	26	400
	Warrior & Gulf Navigation	21	700
Hines	Houston Barge Lines Inc.	14	500
Igert	Hines Inc.	10	100
Ingram	Igert	10	100
Exxon	Ingram	10	100
	Exxon Inland	8	500
	Walker Towing	7	100
	Choctaw Towing	5	100
	Gladders	5	100
	Chemical Towing	4	100
	Waxler Towing	4	100

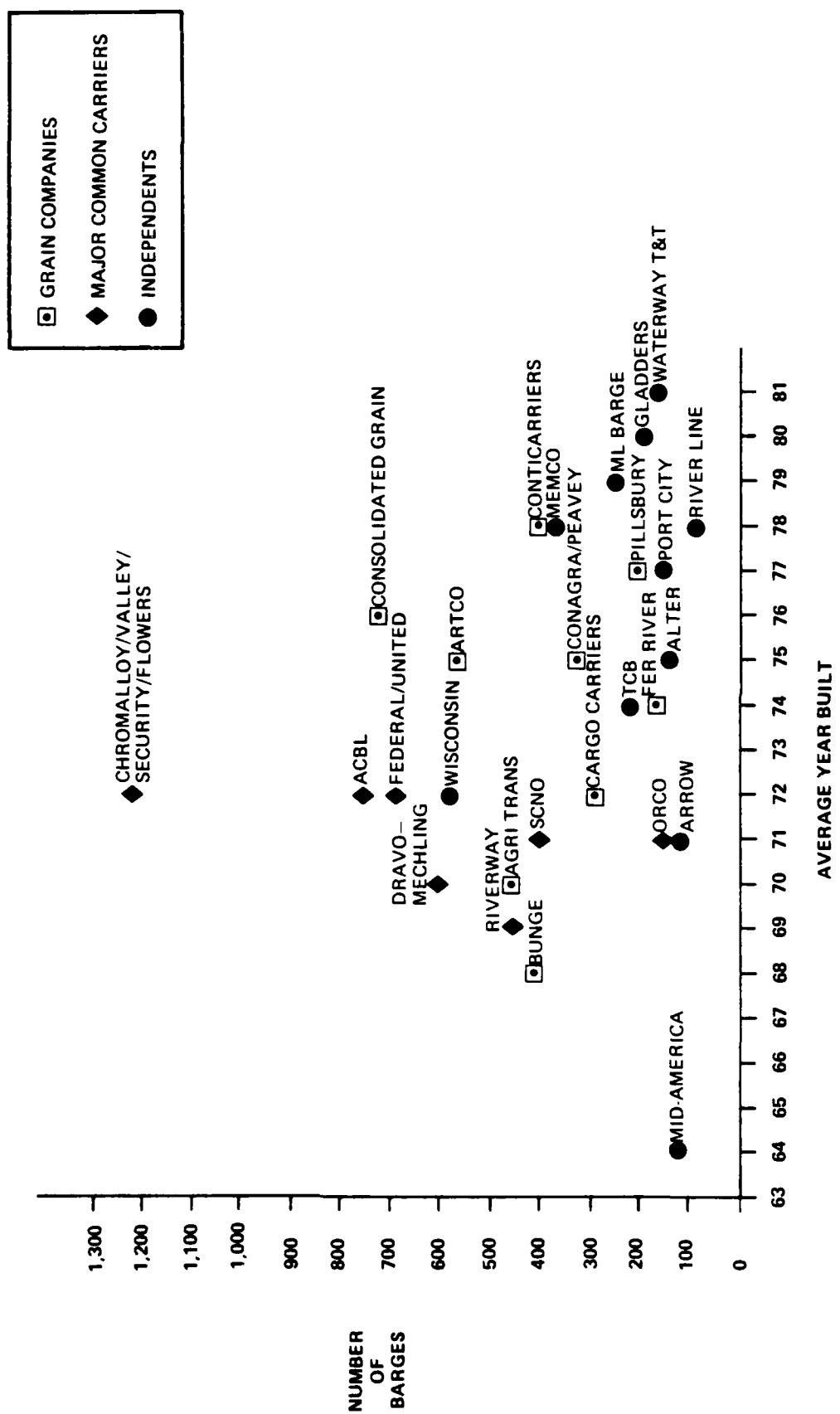
<sup>1</sup>TBS analysis.

Figure III-5  
**MAJOR COVERED HOPPER BARGE FLEETS  
 1982**  
**Fleets of More Than 100 Barges**  
 (short ton capacity in thousands)

Agricultural (Private and for Hire)				Major Common Carriers				Independents											
No.	Tons Capacity	Average Yr. Built	No.	Tons Capacity	Average Yr. Built	No.	Tons Capacity	No.	Tons Capacity	Average Yr. Built									
Agri Trans	458	678	70	ACBL	755	72	Alter	141	210	75									
ARTCO	577	846	75	Valley	1,226	1,811	Arrow	122	177	71									
Bunge	414	605	68	Dravo-Machling	608	889	Glaeders	198	295	80									
Cargo Carriers	292	430	72	Federal	695	1,038	HL Barge	249	375	79									
Congre	328	489	75	ORCO	127	182	MEMCO	368	546	77									
Consolidated	738	1,092	76	Riverway	458	675	Mid-America	122	177	64									
Cont Carriers	382	558	78	SCCO	403	601	Port City	151	218	77									
Fer River	176	262	74			71	River Line	97	139	78									
Pillsbury	211	314	77				ICB	205	294	74									
							Waterway T&I	174	152	81									
							Wisconsin	569	848	72									
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,576</b>	<b>5,214</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,270</b>	<b>6,302</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,394</b>	<b>3,531</b>	<b>76</b>								
<b>Average Barge Size:</b> 1,475 tons				<b>Average Barge Size:</b> 1,476 tons				<b>Average Barge Size:</b> 1,475 tons											
<b>Summary:</b> Total Major Fleets = 10,240 barges 15,107,000 short tons capacity 1973 average year built 34.9% Agricultural (Private and for Hire) 41.7% Major Common Carriers (and subsidiaries) 23.4% Independents																			
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Source: IBS analysis.

**Figure III-6**  
**FLEET SIZE AGE DISTRIBUTION**  
**INLAND COVERED HOPPER BARGE FLEET**  
**1982**



**MAJOR OPEN HOPPER BARGE FLEETS**

**1982**

**Fleets of More Than 100 Barges**

**(short ton capacity in thousands)**

Year	Capacity (Thousands)
1982	100
1983	110
1984	120
1985	130
1986	140
1987	150
1988	160
1989	170
1990	180
1991	190
1992	200

Figure 11-7

MAGISTERIUM OPEN SOURCE BANGE FLEESIS

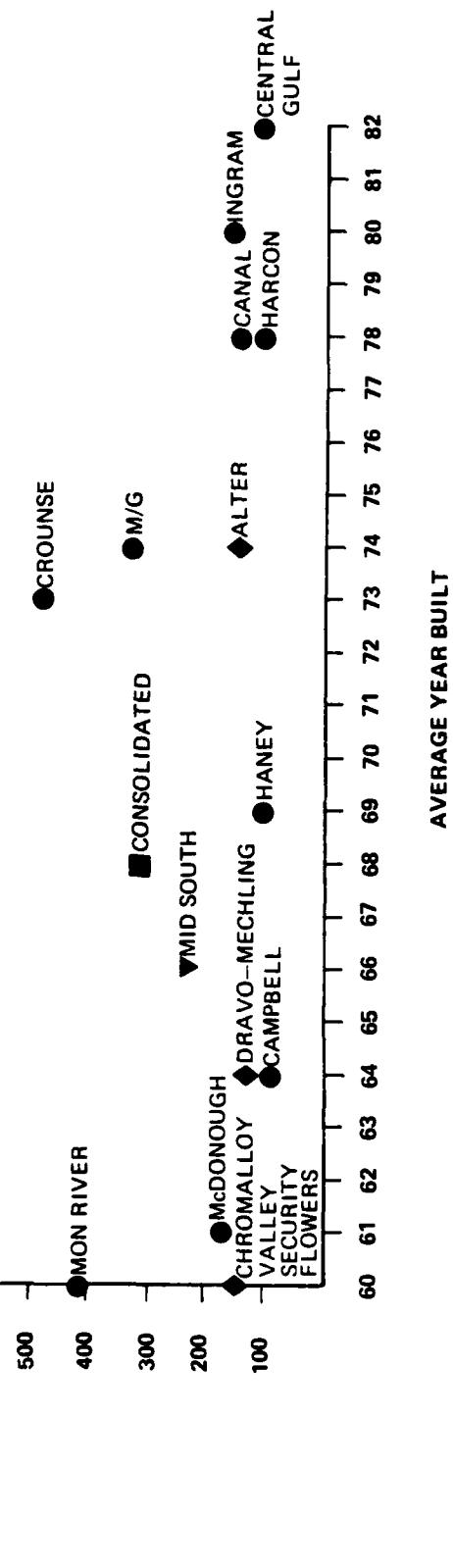
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#### **Fleets of More Than 100 Barges**

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Source: [See note 10a]



- What is its relative size?
- On what bases does it trade? Time, frequency of barge handling capabilities, size?
- Does it possess significant integration?
- Is it well managed? Who?
- What improvements should be made?
- If a competitor is a subsidiary of a parent company, what is its relationship to the parent? What resources available to the parent?

Because of their regular contact with sales personnel can provide good information on market behavior. Appendix E contains a market survey that may prove useful in comparing a company's services with those of others.

#### IV. MARKET ANALYSIS

In the context of strategic planning, the aim of market analysis is to develop an understanding of the factors underlying the demand for transportation services within specific market areas in order that a soundly based projection of demand may be made several years into the future. Because of the complex nature of waterborne commerce, this is not an easy task. However, based on several years of experience in market analysis and forecasting, we have set out below the elements of one representative methodology that first identifies the key factors influencing the traffic on the waterways and then, projecting those factors, produces a forecast of waterborne commerce. The projected demand for barge services, in turn, is derived from the projected demand for barge cargoes.

##### THE NEED FOR FORECASTING MARKETS

All industries rely on forecasts to guide their decision-making process. Implicitly or explicitly, managers accept certain basic operating conditions as the foundation on which their long term, annual, seasonal, and daily plans and directions are made. The implicit use of forecasting can, by default, rely on a continuation of the prevailing market and industry trends. These forecasts may include increasing, decreasing, or stable trends in demand and supply for services. Explicit reliance on forecasting can be as basic in concept as management's acceptance that the economy or an industry's level of activity will change by some percentage on a year to year, or more frequent, basis.

The nature of inland waterways transportation makes the use of forecasts critical for both tactical and strategic decision-making. This is in large part due to the industry's role in transporting basic, raw, and semi-finished commodities whose values fluctuate on a daily and seasonally in response to major national and international market forces. For this reason, carriers have learned to make decisions based on seasonal assumptions of freight rates, cargo availability, operating conditions, costs, and competitive behavior. They have also explicitly or implicitly used forecasts to support decisions to acquire or commit for long term utilization of marine equipment.

The inland waterways industry's reliance on forecasts is comparable to the ocean marine industry's reliance on forecasts

with one major exception. The more diverse and international ocean bulk marine transportation industry has fostered a variety of information sources such as magazines, broker services, and economic projections of ocean trade. Since the current depression of the international bulk markets began, the number and importance of these forecasts has increased. By contrast, the inland waterways industry has tended to rely on sporadic forecasts that have been funded in whole or in part by government agencies. The forecasts made for this manual are included in this category. The industry has thus far not found it necessary to develop a public forum to discuss and present forecasts on a regular and consistent basis through commercial initiatives or a deliberate industry program.

It has been the practice of major inland carriers to perform some forecasting as part of their corporate planning responsibilities. However, these forecasts remain confidential and have not been widely disclosed to the industry. Since the forecasts can be an important competitive tool, there are many reasons to keep them confidential. On the other hand, forecasts can serve as important indicators for the industry to confront and discuss the key issues of supply and demand that will impact the profitability of the industry as a whole. It is hoped that in the prevailing market environment the analysis of supply and demand by carriers in industry forums will be more and more frequent and that the quality of these forecasts will thus improve.

#### MARKET DEFINITION

The first step is to define the markets that barge operators serve. Markets are defined by the geographical areas served and the commodities carried. An alternative method for definition could be by geographical areas and barge types used. This approach is more useful for operational planning than for market analysis because it can mask the driving factors that affect the demand for barge services for each commodity. The preferred approach is to deal with commodities and then aggregate them into commodity categories that match equipment needs such as covered dry bulk, open dry bulk, clean petroleum products, dirty petroleum products, deck cargoes, and special loads such as oversize and overweight, temperature-controlled, or pressure-controlled.

However, too much refinement of the commodity types will lead to too many classifications, which will be more difficult to manage. Each company must decide for itself how to classify its own traffic to provide meaningful categories that are detailed enough but also manageable. A barge operator that specializes in

clean petroleum products and chemicals may desire to use very specific chemical types to keep track of and make forecasts of those cargoes. A large multi-service operator may consider all of the chemicals as one market segment.

The geographical areas where the barges are loaded and discharged are also part of the definition of markets. Coal that originates and terminates on the Ohio River or its tributaries is certainly not in the same market as coal that originates in that area but is delivered to a utility on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

The analyst must not lose sight of the true origins and destinations of these commodities in the analysis of market demand. To do so would prevent complete understanding of the factors that determine why the cargoes move over the waterways. It is important to consider the ultimate origins and destinations to see what are the underlying causes for historical and future demands in transportation of the commodity. In addition, alternative modes of transportation may be available closer to the origin or destination of the movement. For example, knowledge of inland rail terminals and rail rates is important for the understanding of barge lines' competitors for movements of Illinois corn to export terminals at the Gulf of Mexico. On the other hand, knowledge of Far East destinations along with rail and ship rates is useful to understand the westward movements of grain by railroad out of Nebraska instead of southward by barge on the Missouri River.

Finally, the analyst should limit forecasting activities to that portion of the overall market that the company can actively serve.

#### METHODOLOGY SELECTION

The methodology for developing forecasts of industry demand for barge transportation should be accurate, useful, and easily produced. Each of these characteristics is discussed below.

#### Accuracy

It is impossible to develop exact forecasts of future cargo demand for inland waterway transportation. Contrary to the popular conception of forecasts, they do not, and should not be expected to, portray the future precisely. Their primary purpose is to preserve for future review a company's best thinking about those conditions in the future that can affect its performance

and its operating environment. In this way the decisions made by some managers can be understood by all and the insight that is gained by managers over time can be used to enhance the operating strategy and tactics of the company. There is a strong need to have an explicit record of what the company expects in the future when important decisions such as long term investments in equipment are made.

It is possible, however, to develop a forecasting methodology that will identify directions and turning points in trends for demand. No forecasting methodology can anticipate any critical disruptions in demand that are caused by recession, natural disaster, or sudden market shifts due to, for example, an oil import or grain export embargo. The goal of the methodology described herein is to provide a reasonably accurate advance warning of the future impacts of current events and policies that will affect the demand for barge transportation.

#### Useful Format

The forecasts should be in a form that is useful to the barge line executive when he is making short- and long-term decisions concerning marketing and sales efforts as well as equipment decisions on acquisitions, maintenance, deployments, scheduling, and disposals. This means that the forecasts should focus on the specific waterways and commodity types that the company desires to serve.

The most useful forecasts are those that can be related readily and directly to the current and historical market. This permits forecast users to relate the predicted future trends to past conditions in as meaningful a way as possible. The close relationship of historical data and forecast data also permits users to corroborate, evaluate, and calibrate changes in outlooks with the greatest confidence.

#### Ease of Production

Ease in producing the forecasts is important if the methodology is to become a practical tool for decision making. Forecasting methodologies should be easy enough so that an employee with a bachelors degree in engineering or accounting can maintain the system. However, ease of operation requires that a tradeoff be made with accuracy. The more sophisticated traffic forecasts that have been developed in the past by government agencies or consultants have used various forms of regression analysis. Use of this type of econometric technique generally requires a level of knowledge that is obtained from graduate degree programs. This capability is infrequently available in an inland barge company.

The methodologies used in these forecasts of river traffic relates economic forecasts to historical parameters that are derived from past traffic levels. A number of economic forecasting firms such as Data Resources, Inc. (DRI), Chase Econometrics, Inc., and Wharton Econometric Forecasting Association, Inc., provide general and industry-specific time series of production and price information on a consistent basis to the public. Using these resources, barge industry managers can relate their industry to the best thinking and effort of economists who are concerned with broad economic trends that directly and indirectly affect the inland industry. Barge industry managers can concentrate on that which they know best and can rely on the cumulative expertise and continuous involvement of economists in the forecasting of national, international, and industrial trends. Wherever there are specific commodities that are particularly important to a carrier, these forecasts can be modified to reflect other available information about those commodities.

It is important that carriers recognize that their specific businesses are driven by specific customer, industrial, competitive, regional, and regulatory issues. In order to perform as well as possible, management should take the time to plan and explore the major trends and factors that affect their business. For example, carriers engaged in the transportation of grain must work hard to identify those issues that most affect their business, their customers, and their competitors and should attempt to find information that bears out their general knowledge of the marketplace. In this way the quality of long-term decision-making can enhance short-term performance. Without this information the quality of short-term performance will be driven only by short-term knowledge.

#### THE BASIS FOR FORECASTING

Inland waterways forecasts should be performed in a way that is efficient for managers to operate. Its users should guide its development. The first use of a forecast is to identify the most fundamental industry conditions that will prevail. For more than a decade a valuable forecast would have predicted dramatic growth in grain cargoes and stagnation in the petroleum liquid cargo trades. It would have helped identify gradual long-term growth in coal exports.

The fundamental challenge in forecasting is to predict the behavior of those indicators that are most important to a specific manager. In the case of inland waterways traffic, the key needs are the prediction of tons and ton-miles for the commodities that drive overall industry conditions and the specific

commodities of concern to an individual carrier. The prediction of trade is most often accurately explained by trends in broader industrial indicators that depend on or use to some degree inland waterways transportation. Because grain, coal, aggregates, and petroleum are by far the main bulk of inland waterway traffic, the planner can rely on their performance to forecast industry trends. He can then predict the behavior of other commodities by tagging their performance to the major commodities.

The most pressing question facing managers today is: when can managers expect conditions to support an increase in rates, revenues, and contribution to fixed costs? In order to do this, forecasts of tons must be translated into forecasts of ton-miles.

Ton-miles serve as the industry's basic measurement of transportation demand. Ton-miles more closely describe barge demand than any other readily available measure. Tons of traffic reflect the economic and industrial conditions of shippers and consignees. To calculate ton-miles from tons, average lengths of haul must be determined and multiplied by the tonnage. This data can be developed from public sources and our forecasts demonstrate how this can be done.

To the extent that the nature of various trades remains relatively constant, and for short periods of time and small variations in tonnage, tons can serve as a useful indicator of transportation demand. However, if growth or decline in a trade is based on significant swings in the amount of cargo traffic that differ widely from the average, these swings should be recognized. For example, the high levels of coal exports from up-river terminals to Baton Rouge and New Orleans represent a very different kind of coal trade than the relatively short-haul coal movements that serve Ohio River utilities. For this reason, a forecast of sharp decreases or increases in export coal tonnage should carry with it a corresponding recognition that this is a very large change in transportation demand as measured in ton-miles. Similarly, a forecaster might predict that a dramatic increase in soybean exports, which tend to load at the Lower River terminals, will account for the majority of grain traffic growth. This will result in relatively fewer additional ton-miles than the increases that would be derived from a similar amount of wheat from river terminals that are located much further north.

In some cases the historical relationship between industry trends and inland waterways traffic will be close. When this occurs there is a strong suggestion that the factors of commodity substitution and modal shifts between barge, rail, pipeline, truck or alternative ports are minimal and that the inland industry experiences in a direct way the trends of the shipping indus-

try. In other cases the industry trends and the waterways traffic levels diverge or have changed in time. When this occurs the analyst must recognize that that creates a strong suggestion that additional factors such as substitution, modal shifts, or alternative routing are at play and will significantly affect the future demand for inland waterways transportation in ways that do not directly parallel the industry's prospects.

An inland waterways forecaster must also use his industry intelligence to recognize discreet one-time changes in traffic that can result from the completion of new industrial projects or events of a legislative or regulatory nature that alter trade levels dramatically in a very short period. Specific examples of events and trends that affect the inland barge industry are identified below:

- The completion of coal-fired electric utility plants in the Florida panhandle and Tampa areas that rely on barge-delivered coal.
- The deregulation of U.S. crude oil prices which altered the production, trading, and import patterns for many Gulf Coast refiners and contributed to the elimination of many small entitlement refiners.
- The prospect of imports of Columbian coal to coastal utilities, such as those located in Florida.
- The completion of petroleum products pipelines that reduce the refiners' reliance on the barge system.
- Crude oil price deregulation in residual oil refining, which has reduced the amount of black oil produced in the lower Mississippi River refining area and therefore its transportation requirements on the river system.

#### FORECAST STRUCTURE

The relationships between historical and future industry trends and historical and future inland waterways traffic can be reviewed in several ways. These range from sophisticated and rigorous mathematical regressions of one trend against the other to a graphical review of these indicators and qualitative decisions as to their future trends. For the purposes of this forecast, a simple, mathematical relationship. The mathematical relationship between the indicator and the traffic level that is identified by dividing traffic level in tons by the indicator in

an appropriate index was used because it is simple, does not require significant investments in software and interpretation time by managers, and provides reasonably accurate assessments and indications of trade/industry relationships. For many commodities in this forecast, the actual mathematical relationships along with the trade levels and industry indicators are presented. In this way, analysts who review these forecasts should be able to understand the trends and processes used to develop these forecasts.

The forecast that has been prepared for this study is divided into ten major commodity groups. These groups have been designed to provide analysts with insights into the developments in the major forehaul and backhaul dry bulk, liquid bulk, and general cargo commodities. To the maximum extent possible, these commodity groups have been assembled in a way that grouped dry bulk, liquid bulk and general cargoes into separate categories. The commodity groups that have been developed are as follows:

- Major agricultural products--including corn, wheat, soybeans, prepared animal feeds, and grain mill products
- Coal
- Crude oil
- Clean petroleum products--including gasoline, jet fuel, distillate, kerosene, lube oils and greases, naptha, solvents, and liquified gases
- Dirty petroleum products--including residual oil, asphalt, tar and pitch, crude tar oil, and gases
- Construction materials--including cement, limestone, sand, stone, gravel, and crushed shell
- Major fertilizers--including phosphate rock, nitrogenous chemical fertilizers, fertilizers and materials, n.e.c., and lime
- Chemicals and aromatics--including sodium hydroxide, alcohol, benzine, toluene, basic chemicals, and products
- Waterway improvement materials
- All other commodities

These groupings are sufficiently detailed to provide an overview of industry prospects and focus attention on the key commodities that underly basic supply/demand balances.

#### TRAFFIC FORECASTS

Figure IV-1 provides an overview of historical and forecast traffic for the 1970-1990 period for the Mississippi River System. Historical data for the years 1970-1982 is provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Statistics. The years 1983-1990 present forecasts prepared for the study using methodology that is discussed in detail below.

It can be seen in Figure IV-1 that historical traffic peaked in 1979 at 370.8 million short-tons and declined 6.3 percent by 1982. The forecast indicates that 1982 will represent the low point in Mississippi River System traffic. It will be followed by a period of slow growth toward traffic levels that will exceed the 1979 peak by 1986. Overall, a 12.6 percent growth is projected between the 1982 tonnage figure and the 1990 forecast of 391.4 million tons. The growth between the 1979 peak and 1990 forecast is 5.6 percent. This projected slow growth reflects the long-term limitations on the growth of agricultural and coal traffic based on forecasts of nationwide agricultural and coal exports. The grain forecast is based on an expected decrease of the barge share of total U.S. grain exports via Mississippi River ports to 42 percent in 1990. If the 1983 barge share of 50 percent is maintained through 1990, the total Mississippi River System tons will grow to 407.4 million tons.

This figure shows that growth is projected largely because of slight increases in coal, construction material, fertilizer, chemical, and miscellaneous commodity activity. Growth is likely to be broadly based, unlike the major increases in agricultural products and coal that characterized the 1970s. This forecast reflects the current conditions in world energy supply, the increasingly competitive international market due to the strong U.S. dollar, and continued foreign impediments to American commerce.

Figure IV-2 summarizes historical and forecast traffic for the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. The table shows that traffic has generally fluctuated between 95 and 105 million tons between 1970 and 1982 having reached its high in 1972 at 108 million tons and its low in 1982 with 81 million tons. The forecast for the 1983 through 1990 period shows a relatively steady level of traffic

Figure IV-1  
SUMMARY OF MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST<sup>1</sup>  
ALL COMMODITIES  
(millions of short tons)

Mississippi River System Year	Major Agricultural Products <sup>2</sup>	Coal	Crude Oil	Petroleum			Major Fertilizers <sup>3</sup>	Chemicals and Aromatic <sup>6</sup>	Waterway Improvement Materials	All Other Commodities
				Clean Petro Prod <sup>2</sup>	Dirty Petro Prod <sup>2</sup>	Construction Materials <sup>4</sup>				
				37.1	10.4	40.5	3.9	15.0	8.9	33.3
1970	297.3	23.9	102.0	23.8	38.1	13.4	44.5	4.5	15.6	8.2
1971	301.2	23.9	96.7	26.2	37.6	14.6	41.9	6.5	16.3	7.7
1972	326.6	30.9	108.7	29.3	37.1	16.0	42.5	5.9	15.0	9.2
1973	317.6	32.2	104.1	25.1	37.1	16.0	43.4	6.5	16.9	11.8
1974	330.1	35.6	106.4	19.1	36.3	17.1	43.4	6.5	16.9	11.8
1975	330.1	39.4	115.7	21.6	36.2	18.7	38.5	6.2	14.8	8.5
1976	345.5	44.8	116.4	21.1	36.5	22.3	36.2	6.0	15.2	7.4
1977	352.5	46.7	117.6	18.8	40.9	24.4	40.5	7.0	16.3	6.9
1978	355.4	51.9	106.0	20.5	37.7	28.1	44.6	7.1	17.1	9.2
1979	370.8	54.8	121.4	17.6	35.8	27.0	46.3	7.6	19.1	7.9
1980	365.7	64.3	121.0	15.0	35.9	23.9	37.4	8.4	18.7	5.8
1981	362.9	66.3	130.6	13.8	33.9	21.8	33.4	7.3	17.8	4.4
1982	347.5	73.8	121.2	14.0	31.6	20.5	32.0	6.5	15.5	4.7
1983F	350.4	73.1	118.9	13.2	31.2	17.4	36.3	6.3	17.0	51.0
1984F	362.0	70.2 <sup>a</sup>	122.1	12.7	31.4	17.4	41.1	6.7	18.7	6.0
1985F	366.1	71.6 <sup>a</sup>	121.6	12.0	31.5	17.5	42.1	7.3	19.4	6.0
1986F	372.6	72.5 <sup>a</sup>	123.0	11.4	31.4	17.5	44.8	7.7	20.0	6.0
1987F	384.0	75.7 <sup>a</sup>	126.0	10.8	31.4	17.5	48.6	8.2	21.4	6.0
1988F	393.8	79.3 <sup>a</sup>	125.0	10.3	31.4	17.5	49.5	8.7	23.1	6.0
1989F	388.4	80.8 <sup>a</sup>	126.0	9.8	31.4	17.5	45.2	8.9	21.7	6.1
1990F	391.4	82.9 <sup>a</sup>	127.0	9.3	31.4	17.5	46.6	9.3	20.9	6.0

<sup>1</sup> Corn, wheat, soybeans, prepared animal feeds, grain mill products.  
<sup>2</sup> Gasoline, jet fuel, distillate, kerosene, lube oils and greases, naphtha and solvents, liquified gases.

<sup>3</sup> Residual oil, asphalt, tar & pitch, crude tar, oil & gases.

<sup>4</sup> Cement, limestone, sand, stone, gravel, shell.

<sup>5</sup> Phosphate rock, nitrogenous chemical fertilizers, fertilizers and materials, lime.

<sup>6</sup> Sodium hydroxide, alcohol, benzene and toluene, basic chemicals and products.

<sup>a</sup> Grain forecast based on slow drop from current 50 percent of total U.S. grain exports at Mississippi River Gulf ports to 42 percent in 1990.

F = Forecasted

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States, Part 2.

SUMMARY OF GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY TRAFFIC AND FORECAST  
(millions of short tons)

	GIWW Total	Coal	Crude Oil	Petroleum Products	Construction Materials	Coke	Non-Metallic Minerals	Chemicals & Aromatics	All Other Commodities
1970	99.2	1.9	51.8	20.2	15.3	.3	4.9	9.2	15.6
1971	105.2	2.9	53.0	23.9	14.9	.4	4.8	9.1	16.2
1972	108.1	4.9	32.3	23.5	14.7	.4	5.0	10.6	16.7
1973	100.1	4.4	27.5	22.6	15.1	.5	4.2	9.9	15.9
1974	103.0	4.9	25.2	25.6	13.7	.7	4.9	5.4	22.6
1975	96.4	4.3	24.6	24.0	12.3	.6	4.7	9.7	10.2
1976	96.5	4.8	24.2	25.4	10.2	.5	5.0	10.8	15.6
1977	104.3	4.2	24.7	30.9	10.2	.8	4.5	11.4	17.6
1978	101.4	4.0	22.9	28.9	9.6	.7	5.0	12.8	17.5
1979	98.6	5.0	20.0	35.3	8.0	.8	4.3	13.3	11.9
1980	94.1	5.1	17.5	29.8	8.4	1.2	4.2	12.0	15.9
1981	90.0	4.6	15.2	30.1	7.3	1.3	3.4	11.9	16.2
1982	80.6	4.0	15.6	29.6	6.6	1.0	4.0	10.0	9.8
1983f	87.1	4.9	14.8	27.3	6.6	1.3	3.9	11.4	16.9
1984f	87.8	4.8	13.6	27.5	6.3	1.3	4.0	12.5	17.8
1985f	88.0	5.0	12.8	27.5	6.0	1.3	4.0	13.0	18.4
1986f	87.8	5.1	12.0	27.5	5.7	1.3	4.0	13.4	18.8
1987f	88.5	5.1	11.3	27.5	5.6	1.3	4.0	14.3	19.4
1988f	89.4	5.2	10.5	27.5	5.3	1.3	4.0	15.5	20.0
1989f	87.9	5.2	10.0	27.5	4.8	1.3	4.0	14.5	20.6
1990f	87.4	5.3	9.4	27.5	4.7	1.3	4.0	14.0	21.2

f = Forecasted

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States, Part 2.

below 90 million tons. Declines or stagnation in crude oil, petroleum products, construction materials, coke, minerals, and chemicals traffic will offset the slight growth in coal and all other commodities.

These forecasts of future traffic have been developed in terms of tons because the detailed data that is needed to generate the forecasts is recorded and published in tons by the Corps of Engineers.

Ton-miles are a more effective measure of demand because they are more closely related to the utilization of the towing equipment. The Corps of Engineers reports limited information about ton-miles statistics. In Part 5 of the annual Waterborne Commerce of the United States, ton-miles and average lengths of haul are shown for groupings of major commodities. These can be used to develop general measures of ton-miles from the detailed ton data described above. Figure IV-3 shows both historical and forecast average lengths of haul for major commodity groupings. The forecast is based on no major shifts in the lengths of haul during the 1980's. Note that the data are for internal traffic, which includes the Columbia/Snake River System and coastal rivers. This national average will slightly understate midwestern transit distances, but is a reasonable measure for the Mississippi River System and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

The ton data are then aggregated in Figure IV-4 into the same commodity group categories as the lengths of haul in Figure IV-3. The ton-mile products of these columns are displayed in Figure IV-5 to provide the historical and forecast traffic in terms of the ton-mile measure of utilization. The results of this methodology were compared with the total families reported by the Corps of Engineers during the period 1970 to 1982. The calculated totals each year were within three percent of the reported totals.

#### EQUIPMENT FORECASTS

Equally important for the understanding of the inland barge market is the need for information describing the supply of equipment. Historical information has been collected from the Corps of Engineers' Waterborne Commerce Statistical Center to tabulate the number and capacity of towboats and barges operating on the Mississippi River System and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. Forecasts of fleet size and capacity were made through the 1980's. The data are presented in Figure IV-6.

IV-3

**FORECAST  
GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY<sup>1</sup>**

(l in miles)

Construction and Waterway Improvement Materials	Chemicals and Fertilizer	All Other Commodities
69	704	514
72	712	539
73	670	520
72	658	487
76	695	515
71	721	511
83	719	532
92	733	540
109	729	578
121	723	567
124	721	610
109	720	573
106	705	591
110	720	580
110	720	580
110	720	580
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110	720	580

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GIWW traffic.

borne Commerce of the United States, Part 5.

**TRAFFIC A  
MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM AN**

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Year	Total Mississippi River System and GIWW	Major Agriculture Products	Coal and Coke	C & P
1970	396.5	23.9	104.2	1
1971	408.4	23.9	100.0	1
1972	434.7	30.9	114.0	1
1973	417.7	32.2	109.0	1
1974	433.1	35.6	112.0	1
1975	426.5	39.4	120.6	1
1976	442.0	44.8	121.7	1
1977	456.8	46.7	122.6	1
1978	456.8	51.9	110.7	1
1979	469.4	54.8	127.2	1
1980	459.8	64.3	129.3	1
1981	452.9	66.3	136.5	1
1982	428.1	73.8	126.2	1
1983F	437.5	73.1	125.1	1
1984F	449.8	70.2	128.2	1
1985F	454.1	71.6	127.9	1
1986F	460.4	72.5	129.4	1
1987F	472.5	75.7	130.4	1
1988F	483.2	79.3	131.5	1
1989F	476.3	80.8	132.5	1
1990F	478.8	82.9	133.6	1

F = Forecasted

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterborne

Figure IV-5

**TRAFFIC AND FORECAST  
MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM AND GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY**  
(billions of ton-miles)

Year	Total Mississippi River System and GIWW	Major Agriculture Products	Coal and Coke	Crude Oil & Petroleum Products	Construction and Waterway Improvement Materials	Chemicals and Fertilizers	All Other Commodities
1970	138.6	26.1	26.5	35.8	4.5	19.8	25.9
1971	146.7	25.6	26.4	40.4	4.9	20.8	28.6
1972	161.6	34.6	32.1	39.3	4.7	22.4	28.5
1973	153.0	38.6	29.3	35.4	4.8	20.3	24.6
1974	167.8	42.0	31.4	36.0	5.2	20.0	33.2
1975	166.6	44.5	34.7	34.8	4.2	22.1	26.3
1976	177.7	49.9	33.6	36.7	4.6	23.0	29.9
1977	188.8	52.4	36.3	39.4	5.3	25.4	30.0
1978	195.2	57.3	33.3	38.5	6.9	27.0	32.2
1979	206.1	61.8	42.1	36.6	7.5	28.9	29.2
1980	217.6	72.0	45.6	32.8	6.4	28.2	32.6
1981	219.5	71.6	56.4	29.5	4.9	26.6	30.5
1982	204.6	78.1	47.2	27.6	4.6	22.6	24.5
1983F	211.6	80.4	43.8	27.0	5.4	25.0	30.0
1984F	215.4	77.2	44.9	26.7	5.9	27.3	33.4
1985F	219.0	78.8	44.8	26.3	6.0	28.6	34.5
1986F	222.2	79.8	45.3	25.9	6.2	29.6	35.4
1987F	229.7	83.3	45.6	25.6	6.6	31.6	37.0
1988F	238.2	87.2	46.0	25.3	6.7	34.1	38.9
1989F	237.1	88.9	46.4	25.0	6.2	32.5	38.1
1990F	238.9	91.2	46.8	24.7	6.3	31.8	38.1

Source: Figure IV-3 and IV-4.

Figure IV-6  
**TOWBOAT AND BARGE FLEET  
 MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM AND GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY HISTORICAL AND FORECAST**

Year	Towboats		Dry Cargo Barges			Tank Barges			
	Number of Vessels	Total Horsepower	Average Horsepower	Number of Vessels	Total Capacity (short tons)	Average Capacity (short tons)	Number of Vessels	Total Capacity (short tons)	Average Capacity (short tons)
1970A	2,344	2,305,305	983	13,318	14,863,812	1,116	2,581	4,753,480	1,842
1971A	2,427	2,548,578	1,050	13,985	15,934,718	1,139	2,788	5,591,111	2,005
1972A	2,293	2,654,112	1,157	14,904	17,293,167	1,160	2,697	5,841,980	2,166
1973A	2,352	2,848,674	1,222	15,765	18,583,511	1,178	2,751	5,653,353	2,055
1974A	2,404	3,226,545	1,342	17,345	21,031,652	1,212	2,903	6,117,768	2,107
1975A	2,541	3,574,850	1,407	18,049	22,255,050	1,233	2,979	6,295,236	2,113
1976E	2,578	3,739,951	1,451	18,709	23,270,565	1,244	3,042	6,646,957	2,185
1977C	2,614	3,905,052	1,494	19,368	24,286,079	1,254	3,105	6,998,678	2,254
1978C	2,632	4,072,634	1,547	19,809	25,149,335	1,270	3,250	6,717,435	2,067
1979C	2,722	4,224,297	1,552	21,042	27,110,036	1,288	3,332	6,884,322	2,066
1980A	2,945	4,637,667	1,575	22,586	29,261,091	1,295	3,445	7,147,532	2,074
1981E	3,107	4,901,527	1,578	24,000	31,800,000	1,325	3,950	8,100,000	2,050
1982D	3,161	4,989,480	1,578	24,331	32,590,978	1,339	4,183	8,557,207	2,046
1983E	3,165	4,985,000	1,575	24,400	32,940,000	1,350	4,200	8,610,000	2,050
1984F	3,165	4,985,000	1,575	24,400	32,440,000	1,350	4,200	8,610,000	2,050
1985F	3,165	4,985,000	1,575	24,400	32,940,000	1,350	4,200	8,610,000	2,050
1986F	3,165	4,985,000	1,575	24,400	32,940,000	1,350	4,200	8,610,000	2,050
1987F	3,175	4,984,750	1,570	24,400	32,940,000	1,350	4,200	8,610,000	2,050
1988F	3,190	4,976,400	1,560	24,400	32,940,000	1,350	4,200	8,610,000	2,050
1989F	3,205	4,983,775	1,555	24,400	32,940,000	1,350	4,200	8,610,000	2,050
1990F	3,220	4,990,000	1,550	24,400	32,940,000	1,350	4,200	8,610,000	2,050

Source: Army Corps of Engineers, Waterborne Commerce Statistical Center.

A As of December 31

C As of October 1

D As of May 1

E TBS estimate

F TBS forecast

The towboat fleet will probably remain at current capacity for the next few years until traffic recovers sufficiently to use up current excess capacity. It is estimated that the fleet will not expand until 1987, unless there is a significant jump in utilization prior to that year. This could be brought about through a major foreign grain crop failure or other disruption to normal transportation flows. The average horsepower of the towboat fleet will be reduced over time as operators adjust their equipment to economical fuel operations and replace overpowered boats with vessels using smaller engines.

Dry hopper barges are currently in excess supply. Demand for their services is expected to increase over the next six years. This will primarily be driven by traffic increases in coal, grain, fertilizer, sand and gravel, and coal. The current excess capacity will slowly be eliminated as open and covered hopper barges are used more intensively through the decade.

Tank barges are also in excess. There will also be changes in cargoes carried during the 1980's as less crude oil and more petroleum products and petrochemicals are moved over longer distances. This will improve the utilization of the tank barge fleet but will not support increases in the number of tank barges.

In all of the above fleets, there will be some specialized construction during the 1980's, but most of this expansion in fleet size will be compensated with selective scrappings and casualty losses.

#### MAINTENANCE OF THE FORECASTING SYSTEM

The forecasts of the inland waterways can be updated as necessary by industry analysts. Actual historical data will become available only once per year and it is reasonable to expect that a review of the overall forecast validity would be accomplished at least once per year. However, the forecast can be modified for any commodity, at any time, formally or informally, and will continue to be a useful reference for managers. Industries where data is more timely, such as the grain or coal industry, can update their data more frequently.

## **V. OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS**

The strategic analysis of the barge line's internal and external environments should not be restricted to examining the market demand for barge services and the availability of competing equipment. In order to develop a comprehensive projection of the firm's operating environment, the analysis should include an examination of the current situation and possible changes in the legal and regulatory environment, physical characteristics of the waterway, new technology, availability of necessary resources, and activities of competing transportation modes.

### **LEGAL AND REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT**

A planner must analyze the present and projected legal and regulatory environment of the inland barge industry. Congressional and regulatory activity can make a big impact, particularly from the following federal agencies:

- Department of Transportation (DOT)
- U.S. Maritime Administration (MarAd)
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)
- National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)
- Department of Labor (DOL)
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (CofE)
- Department of Justice (DOJ)
- Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC)
- Federal Maritime Commission (FMC)

Through their taxing and spending powers, as well as by changing laws and regulations governing barges, other forms of transportation, and shipping customers, other segments of the federal government, such as the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and various committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, directly affect the industry.

A feel for the relevant developing issues allows the barge line to adopt an action-oriented goal of trying to obtain favorable legal and regulatory changes. Small operators have been able to expand their effectiveness by joining industry associations on both a long-term basis and for specific threatening issues. Some effective barge industry associations include: the National Waterways Conference, Inc., the American Waterways Operators, Inc., and the Water Transport Association. In addition to their lobbying and public information activities, each organization publishes a member newsletter that collects and distributes useful information.

In addition to federal activities, barge lines are affected by state and local governments. These governments can increase costs and restrictions through zoning, taxation, permitting for use, and eminent domain. On the other hand, these governmental activities can encourage and support economic development when state and local policymakers perceive that inland river transportation is economically beneficial.

The strategic planner should assess the likely direction of all regulatory and legislative programs. Examples of issues to look out for include the following:

- Waterway user charges
- Port user charges
- Fleeting regulations
- Channel and lock improvements
- Regional development programs
- Economic regulation of all domestic modes of transportation
- Safety and environmental regulations
- Agricultural subsidy and export programs
- Embargoes on international trade

- Energy programs affecting coal and petroleum transportation
- Tax policy

Each policy area can affect the cost structure of towing operations or the market demand for towing services.

One example of the regulatory impact on costs is a Coast Guard consideration of requirements to eliminate single-hull tank barges. The towing industry showed that this proposed regulation would require \$2.8 billion in additional capital and operating costs. Other industry-generated information showed that the proposed regulation would reduce pollution only slightly. As a result, the Coast Guard modified the proposal extensively. As another example, four successive embargos on export grain shipments severely reduced the demand for southbound covered hopper services.

#### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WATERWAYS

The conditions of the various waterways should be monitored for both short-term operational needs and for longer term market impact. In the first case, delays caused by high or low water, lock maintenance, or vessel casualties detrimentally affect the flow of traffic on a waterway. For the longer term, the occurrence affects decisions by shippers on preferred shipping origins or destinations, modal choices, or terminal locations. For instance, a shipper who has frequent problems with delivery interruptions due to ice on the Illinois Waterway may decide to locate his next plant further south on the upper Mississippi near St. Louis. A choice such as this lessens the aggregate demand for barge services on specific waterways. Of course, improvements in the physical characteristics of waterways (such as a new dam with expanded lock capacity at Locks and Dam 26 on the upper Mississippi or the waterway connecting the Tennessee and Tombigbee Rivers) expand the demand for barge services or create entirely new markets.

The strategic planner should always be aware of river conditions and should attempt to acquire additional information from existing and potential shippers to gauge the potential impact on the demand for the barge line's and its competitors' services.

### NEW TECHNOLOGY

With the availability of new technology to improve towboat and barge design and operations, it is important that the strategic planner takes these changes into account. However, deciding to use new technology cannot be done on an engineering basis alone. The planner should consider the context of the entire operation's cost profile, including manning levels and other operating and maintenance expenses. Thus, an investment in more efficient engines that burn lower cost, higher viscosity oil must be made at the appropriate time for retrofitting older towboats or building new vessels.

Advancements in materials handling technology often makes barges for special cargoes obsolete. One example was the shift from dry sulphur to liquid sulphur loadings. Another was the introduction of pneumatic cement barges. New barge designs can give the company a strategic advantage if investments are made early when the technology is still new. Although this can preclude competitors from making similar investments if they can identify the market's limited size, it can be risky, since this industry has a recent history of overinvesting in equipment.

### BARGE LINE RESOURCES

Planning for the economical operation of the barge line requires an understanding of the markets for resources that the company uses. These resources can be grouped as follows:

- Barge and towboat equipment
- Labor
- Equipment supplies and maintenance
- Fuel
- Port services

Each category includes a number of elements that affect the cost and availability of the company's barge and towing services.

Equipment

The availability and costs of barges and towboats are the major considerations affecting the decision for bidding on any barge traffic. This factor applies to operating costs in the short term when comparing the company's equipment to that available to competitors. For a longer term, a company can decide to offer its own equipment or it can go after the business when no company-controlled equipment is available. It can choose to charter, lease, or otherwise contract for outside vessels for the operation. This decision can be made for both barges and towboats. In the case of towboats, the power necessary for the move can usually be divided between the linehaul portion and the pickup or delivery portions. In some cases, it will be more economical to contract out part of the move to another carrier or to contract in equipment that is more suitable and efficient.

Labor

The labor rates and availability of personnel used to operate the towboats is an important component of vessel operations costs. At present, there is an oversupply because of the current downturn in the industry. Therefore, labor cost reduction is now possible. The availability of good management talent at competitive prices is also important. A new emphasis on innovative marketing and implementing information and planning systems has created a demand for new executive talent.

Equipment Supplies  
and Maintenance

Equipment supplies and vessel maintenance absorb a large part of the operating costs of the company's vessels. Planners must decide how to preposition critical parts, inventory levels, and whether to use in-house or contract personnel and facilities to service and maintain the floating equipment. For the use of outside vendors, it is important to identify high-cost regions where limited competition exists. Operating and maintenance and repair policies should be established to minimize these costs. Important tradeoffs are often made between higher M&R costs and higher revenues received from traffic that can prove more harmful to the equipment, operating personnel, or the public. These are not always apparent, but often involve analyses of potential risks. For example, many barge lines hesitate to enter chemical and petroleum trades due to the higher costs and risks involved. On the other hand, other barge lines have been financially successful specializing in these fields. Thus, it's important to know the costs and understand the risks that are associated with targeted markets.

Fuel

Fuel availability has been a problem in the past. Except for those towboats operating on heavier blends of diesel oil, there are now numerous places to buy fuel at market prices. However, a number of barge lines have considered developing hedges against fuel price fluctuations and shortages by entering the futures market. This can provide stability to permit more careful planning of costs for future operations.

Port Services

Port services include fleeting, shifting, cleaning, loading/unloading, and other miscellaneous tasks such as dewatering and steam heating. A similar decision process to that for M&R services can be used to determine which of these activities should be done in-house and which through vendors. This is principally determined by location, volume of use, frequency of need, and cost and availability of outside vendors. Since these costs are often a large proportion of the total movement cost, it is important to have accurate cost accounting systems for both internal and external expenditures.

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In summary, the planner should know the company's resource requirements. Information should be assembled about the availability and costs of resources both in the company and the marketplace. By tracking these resource costs and using them appropriately vis-a-vis the company's objectives, the planner can make better strategic decisions. For example, if the company is a low cost linehaul operator, it should be careful in assessing the development of cost centers in the company to provide ancillary services. On the other hand, if the company emphasizes the quality of its service and needs to use in-house resources to maintain a guaranteed standard, then its objective is different. In either case, the planner needs to understand the dynamics of the resource markets to intelligently analyze these options.

OTHER MODAL ACTIVITIES

Barge lines compete extensively with railroads, pipelines, truck lines, and coastal ship and barge lines. The competition is not only head to head on a daily basis, but is also long term

and subtle. The competition develops when shippers make decisions about locations for new plants, sources of raw materials, or markets. Their transportation costs are only part of that decision. For many high-volume and low-unit value commodities, transportation is a major portion of the total delivered cost. Barge line planners should learn about customers' existing and future locations and other marketing decisions in order to understand their own lines' markets. Equally important for a complete understanding of the competitive marketplace is the knowledge of changes in competing modes' services to these customers.

## VI. THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY

Having undertaken a thorough analysis of the company's present and probable environments--both internal and external--the planner can turn to the development of strategies designed to meet the future challenges. The first step is to focus strategic development on the most critical issues.

### STRATEGIC ISSUES

With a projection of the future environment in hand, the strategic planner is in a position to overlay an analysis of the company's strengths and weaknesses on that projection. This analysis should focus on the company's ability to prosper in the future environment. Inevitably, the planner finds several key factors, which we shall call strategic issues. Strategic issues are factors that are likely to create opportunities for and threats to the company. The following scenarios are examples of such issues:

- The Tennessee-Tombigbee waterway will soon be opened for navigation from the Tennessee River to Mobile. New markets may or may not develop for short- and long-haul shipments. To develop a major share of any potential markets, companies should commit themselves early to assign resources, position equipment and develop relationships with local towboat operators, vendors, and especially shippers.
- Overcapacity plagues the inland barge industry. Towboats and barges are tied up and their future is uncertain. Slow recovery in demand for their services is forecasted. An industry proposal has been developed to scrap excess hopper barges. The company can contribute to the relief of an industrywide problem. On the other hand, some of the excess equipment can be useful when business picks up.
- The company specializes in the long-haul affreightment of grain and other dry bulk commodities. A number of towboats are tied up and crews laid off. An opportunity arises to acquire a bankrupt company's tank barges and towboats. The industry's liquid trade is improving faster than the dry bulk trade.

### CORPORATE MISSION

Provided with an assessment of the future environment and the identification of strategic issues, senior management can define a mission for the company. Essentially, this entails answering three straightforward questions:

- Who are the company's customers?
- What are the customers' needs?
- How may these needs be met?

A corporate mission statement should answer these questions broadly. For example:

"Achieve and maintain the position of market leader in providing barge transportation service on the Mississippi River System through innovative responses to shippers' needs and a rigorous emphasis on management and control."

The mission may be broadened or narrowed depending on the level of horizontal or vertical integration desired in the company and the market areas served. Remember that the mission statement guides strategic planning, rather than constrains it.

### PLANNING PERIOD

For the capital-intensive barge industry, in which the major assets (vessels) often operate for more than 20 years, the strategic planning period should cover a minimum of 10 years. Of course, the accuracy of forecasts decreases over time because of the cumulative uncertainties and unforeseen events that are beyond the scope of even the most brilliant mortal to forecast. Even so, it is valuable to assess the impact of future events (such as energy shortages) because a longer term perspective provides a sense of the timing and sequence of strategic moves. Effective strategies tend to be opportunistic in that they are sufficiently flexible so that they may be adjusted to deal with unforeseen opportunities and threats.

### STRATEGIC ALTERNATIVES

The development of a strategic issues identified from the strategy must ensure that the staff and should cover the full planning individuals at different company the areas defined by the strategies. This processives. The planner should encourage competing strategies in order to of approaches to the issues. A should participate in developing native strategies so that a consensus achieved.

Strategic alternatives should be planned over the planning period. Although not detailed in budgets and financial reports, they should include financial detail so that cash flow, and market position can be assessed during the planning period. The proposed strategic alternatives should be positioned in relation to the following:

- Market share
- Market role (leader or follower)
- Competitors' projected market share
- Needs for new equipment and facilities
- Marketing strategy (markets, regions, key customers)
- Organizational structure
- Possible avenues of synergies
- The regulatory environment
  - Align with existing regulations
  - Support favorable legislative initiatives

Timing is central to developing an effective strategy. A "strategic window" may be identified--that is, an area of opportunity that is a unique alignment of environmental conditions and the company's special capabilities. However, the pace of change, both in- and out-side the company, may leave the strategic window open for only a brief period. Inaction or mistiming damages the company's ability to exploit the opportunity.

#### TESTING AND EVALUATION OF STRATEGIC ALTERNATIVES

Alternative strategies should be tested objectively by developing forecasts of the range of results that can be expected from each alternative. The results should be stated in quantitative terms, such as revenues and costs. Pro forma financial calculations can then be developed to determine the potential impact of the alternatives on the company's balance sheets.

Computer simulation is efficient for evaluating alternative operating strategies. A computer simulation takes a strategy with its inherent assumptions on traffic demand, fleet use, rates, and costs, and projects the results of the strategy over the planning period in the form of income and cash flow statements and capacity use tables. Various mainframe and personal computers spreadsheet packages can be used to develop the computer simulation. A sample model was developed using EPS Incorporated's FCS-EPS spread sheet program and is described in Appendix H. As each company has a unique mix of customers, equipment, and operating patterns, the model can be modified for a company's operations and for the type of spreadsheet available to the planner.

The benefits of using a computer model to evaluate a long-range strategy are twofold: it tests the effectiveness of alternative strategies in dealing with a projected set of environmental conditions and provides a framework to help structure operational strategies. Broadly speaking strategic planning entails making general assumptions. The computer model aids the planner by forcing him to state these assumptions explicitly. Computer simulation also enables the planner to vary the assumptions, such as growth projections and rate and cost forecasts, to test alternative strategies for sensitivity to the variations.

#### STRATEGY SELECTION

The pro forma financial statements that are calculated either by hand or by a computer model enable the planner to rank

alternative strategies on the basis of the internal rate of return, the demand on scarce resources, the timing and impact of positive and negative cash flows, and effects on the company's financial statements. Other factors to consider when selecting are these:

- Consistency with the company's goals and priorities
- Compatibility with projected environmental conditions
- Adaptability to internal and external changes
- Level of risk
- Use of the company's personnel, knowledge, technology, and financial resources
- Ability to generate a consensus on its future direction as measured by morale level
- Consistency of logic and actions

#### IMPLEMENTATION

Successful implementation is the final test of the effectiveness of strategic planning. Management will not tolerate a process that does not bear fruit.

The most important first step in turning the abstraction into action is to communicate it to those responsible for implementation. These individuals must be party to the overall corporate mission, strategic objectives, and assumptions and rationale underlying the strategy. Without a thorough understanding of the strategy's details and the reasons behind it, the implementers' attempts may flop. A full understanding of the planning process gives them the information they need to make the plan work.

One method to ensure effective communication is to involve several implementers in developing and selecting the strategy, so they can appreciate the benefits of the process and the plan itself.

## BUSINESS PLANS

An effective strategy implementation must bridge the gap between the abstract, long-range focus of strategic planning and the concrete, short-term policies and directives needed for implementation, which requires a detailed analysis. The short-term plans or "business plans" can range from formal five-year plans and annual budgets to monthly sales targets and barge trip results. These business plans should cover the following:

- Marketing
- Competition
- Operations/service
- Finance
- Organization/personnel development
- Corporate development

A comprehensive scope and sufficient detail to allow implementation of the strategic plan are essential to the business plans at this stage of the process.

The Sales Plan should identify and prioritize specific customer needs and, where applicable, particular market segments to target.

The Competitive Plan should state assumptions about competitors' activities and develop the specific responses that the organization should take to neutralize the damage. Such actions might include forming coalitions or pre-empting the competition.

The Operations/Service Plan should detail how the organization will carry out its strategy in terms of vessel and terminal operations in order to meet the level and phased development of services called for in the strategy.

The Financial Plan should include short-term detail from which budgets and financial controls can be developed. It should detail cash flows in specific revenue and cost areas and identify cash requirements and surpluses. It should also address investment policy for surplus cash reserves.

The Organization/Personnel Development Plan should help structure the organization to meet the demands of the strategic plan. The organizational structure should reflect the priorities

and objectives of the company's strategy. Also, plans should develop the organization's human resources to best carry out the strategy.

The Corporate Development Plan should synchronize the needs and the contributions of the barge line and those of the rest of the company's units. The barge line must progress in a direction and at a pace that fits the overall corporate goals and resources.

#### MONITORING PERFORMANCE

By establishing strategic objectives and projecting results at a service level over an extensive planning period, the strategic planning process provides a number of yardsticks with which to measure the company's effectiveness in carrying out the chosen strategy. Explicit assumptions concerning future environmental conditions are another product of the strategic planning process. Any divergence of the company's performance from the plan or of real environmental conditions from projections are detected by these yardsticks. A continued monitoring process thus provides an early warning system that can identify unforeseen areas of opportunity or threat to the company. These may be addressed as the strategic issues in an ongoing strategic planning process.

#### STRATEGIC PLANNING

The company strategy is developed, implemented, and monitored in Phase II and III of the planning process. The cycle is then renewed on an annual or more frequent basis by first updating the information that was collected and analyzed in Phase I. As each successive cycle is developed, new issues and strategies are developed, implemented, and then monitored. With very few iterations the strategic planning process will become an integral part of the company decision making process.

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65	Illinois Waterway, IL
69	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, and Ports on Upper Mississippi River Miles 300-860 AOR
70	St. Louis, MO and Ports on Upper Mississippi River Miles 0-300 AOR

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72	Natchez, Vicksburg, and Greenville, MS and Ports on Lower Mississippi River Miles 255-620 AHP

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**APPENDIX B**

**COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION FOR  
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Code No.	Item Name	Code No.	Item Name		
<b>Group 01-Farm Products</b>					
0101	Cotton, raw	2034	Vegetables and preparations, canned and otherwise prepared and preserved		
0102	Barley and rye	2039	Fruits, and fruit and vegetable juices, canned and otherwise prepared or preserved		
0103	Corn	2041	Wheat flour and semolina		
0104	Oats	2042	Animal feeds		
0105	Rice	2049	Grain mill products, not elsewhere classified		
0106	Sorghum Grains	2061	Sugar		
0107	Wheat	2062	Molasses		
0111	Soybeans	2081	Alcoholic beverages		
0112	Flaxseed	2091	Vegetable oils, all grades; margarine and shortening		
0119	Oilseeds, not elsewhere classified	2092	Animal oils and fats, not elsewhere classified, including marine		
0121	Tobacco, leaf	2094	Groceries		
0122	Hay and Fodder	2095	Ice		
0129	Field crops, not elsewhere classified	2099	Miscellaneous food products		
0131	Fresh fruits	<b>Group 21-Tobacco Products</b>			
0132	Bananas and plantains	2111	Tobacco manufactures		
0133	Coffee, green and roasted (including instant)	<b>Group 22-Basic Textiles</b>			
0134	Cocoa beans	2211	Basic textile products, except textile fibers		
0141	Fresh and frozen vegetables	2212	Textile fibers not elsewhere classified		
0151	Live animals (livestock) except zoo animals, cats, dogs, etc.	<b>Group 23-Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products Including Knit</b>			
0161	Animals and animal products, not elsewhere classified	2311	Apparel and other finished textile products, including knit		
0191	Miscellaneous farm products	<b>Group 24-Lumber and Wood Products Except Furniture</b>			
<b>Group 08-Forest Products</b>					
0841	Crude rubber and allied gums	2411	Logs		
0861	Forest products, not elsewhere classified	2412	Rafted logs		
<b>Group 09-Fresh Fish and Other Marine Products</b>					
0911	Fresh fish, except shellfish	2413	Fuel wood, charcoal, and wastes		
0912	Shellfish, except prepared or preserved	2414	Timber, posts, poles, piling, and other wood in the rough		
0913	Musshadon	2415	Pulpwood, log		
0931	Marine shells, unmanufactured	2416	Wood chips, staves, moldings, and excelsior		
<b>Group 10-Metallic Ores</b>					
1011	Iron ore and concentrates	2421	Lumber		
1021	Copper ore and concentrates	2431	Veneer, plywood, and other worked wood		
1051	Bauxite and other aluminum ores and concentrates	2491	Wood manufactures, not elsewhere classified		
1061	Manganese ore and concentrates	<b>Group 25-Furniture and Fixtures</b>			
1091	Nonferrous metal ores and concentrates, not elsewhere classified	2511	Furniture and fixtures		
<b>Group 11-Coal</b>					
1121	Coal and lignite	<b>Group 26-Pulp, Paper and Allied Products</b>			
<b>Group 13-Crude Petroleum</b>					
1311	Crude petroleum	2611	Pulp		
<b>Group 14-Nonsmetallic Minerals, Except Fuels</b>		2621	Standard newsprint paper		
1411	Limestone flux and calcareous stone	2631	Paper and paperboard		
1412	Building stone, unworked	2691	Pulp, paper and paperboard products, not elsewhere classified		
1442	Sand, gravel and crushed rock	<b>Group 27-Printed Matter</b>			
1451	Clay, ceramic and refractory materials	2711	Printed matter		
1471	Phosphate rock	<b>Group 28-Chemicals and Allied Products</b>			
1479	Natural fertiliser materials, not elsewhere classified	2810	Sodium hydroxide (caustic soda)		
1491	Salt	2811	Crude products from coal tar, petroleum, and natural gas, except benzene and toluene		
1492	Sulphur, dry	2812	Dyes, organic pigment, dyeing and tanning materials		
1493	Sulphur, liquid	2813	Alcohols		
1494	Cypsum, crude and plasters	2816	Radioactive and associated materials, including wastes		
1499	Nonsmetallic minerals, except fuels, not elsewhere classified	2817	Benzene and toluene, crude and commercially pure		
<b>Group 19-Ordnance and Accessories</b>		2818	Sulphuric acid		
1911	Ordnance and accessories	2819	Basic chemicals and basic chemical products, not elsewhere classified		
<b>Group 20-Food and Kindred Products</b>		2821	Plastic materials, regenerated cellulose and synthetic resins, including film, sheeting, and laminates		
2011	Meat, fresh, chilled, or frozen	2822	Synthetic rubber		
2012	Meat and meat products prepared or preserved, including canned meat products	2823	Synthetic (man-made) fiber		
2014	Tallow, animal fats and oils	2831	Drugs (biological products, medicinal chemicals, botanical products and pharmaceuticals, preparations)		
2015	Animal by-products, not elsewhere classified	2841	Soap, detergents, and cleaning preparations; perfumes, cosmetics, and other toilet preparations		
2021	Dairy products, except dried milk and cream	2851	Paints, varnishes, lacquers, enamels, and allied products		
2022	Dried milk and cream	2861	Gum and wood chemicals		
2031	Fish and fish products, including shellfish, prepared or preserved	2871	Nitrogenous chemical fertilisers, except mixtures		
		2872	Potashic chemical fertilisers, except mixtures		
		2873	Phosphatic chemical fertilisers, except mixtures		

Code No.	Item Name	Code No.	Item Name
Group 28-Chemicals and Allied Products			
2876	Insecticides, fungicides, pesticides, and disinfectants		Group 34-Fabricated Metal Products, Except Ordnance, Machinery and Transportation Equipment
2879	Fertilizers and fertilizer materials, not elsewhere classified		3411 Fabricated metal products, except ordnance, machinery, and transportation equipment
2891	Miscellaneous chemical products		Group 35-Machinery, Except Electrical
Group 29-Petroleum and Coal Products			
2911	Gasoline, including additives	3511	Machinery, except electrical
2912	Jet fuel		Group 36-Electrical Machinery, Equipment and Supplies
2913	Kerosene	3611	Electrical machinery equipment and supplies
2914	Distillate fuel oil		Group 37-Transportation Equipment
2915	Residual fuel oil	3711	Motor vehicles, parts and equipment
2916	Lubricating oils and greases	3721	Aircraft and parts
2917	Naphtha, mineral spirits, solvents, not elsewhere classified	3731	Ships and boats
2918	Asphalt, tar, and pitches	3791	Miscellaneous transportation equipment
2920	Coke, including petroleum coke		Group 38-Instruments, Photographic and Optical Goods, Watches and Clocks
2921	Liquefied petroleum gases, coal gases, natural gas, and natural gas liquids	3811	Instruments, photographic and optical goods, watches and clocks
2951	Asphalt building materials		Group 39-Miscellaneous Products of Manufacturing
2991	Petroleum and coal products, not elsewhere classified	3911	Miscellaneous products of manufacturing
Group 30-Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products			
3011	Rubber and miscellaneous plastic products		Group 40-Waste and Scrap Materials
Group 31-Leather and Leather Products			
3111	Leather and leather products	4011	Iron and steel scrap
Group 32-Stone, Clay, Glass and Concrete Products		4012	Nonferrous metal scrap
3211	Glass and glass products	4022	Textile waste, scrap, and sweepings
3241	Building cement	4024	Paper waste and scrap
3251	Structural clay products, including refractories	4029	Waste and scrap, not elsewhere classified
3271	Lime		Group 41-Special Items
3281	Cut stone and stone products	4111	Water
3291	Miscellaneous nonmetallic mineral products	4112	Miscellaneous shipments not identifiable by commodity
Group 33-Primary Metal Products		4113	LCL freight
3311	Pig iron	4118	Materials used in waterway improvement, Government materials
3312	Slag	4119	Empty containers
3313	Coke (coal and petroleum), petroleum pitches and asphalts, and naphtha and solvents	9999*	Department of Defense controlled cargo and special category items
3314	Iron and steel ingots, and other primary forms, including blanks for tube and pipe, and sponge iron		
3315	Iron and steel bars, rods, angles, shapes and sections, including sheet piling		
3316	Iron and steel plates and sheets		
3317	Iron and steel pipe and tube		
3318	Permealloys		
3319	Primary iron and steel products, not elsewhere classified including castings in the rough		
3321	Nonferrous metals primary smelter product, basic shapes, wire castings and forgings, except copper, lead, zinc and aluminum		
3322	Copper and copper alloys, whether or not refined, unworked		
3323	Lead and zinc including alloys, unworked		
3324	Aluminum and aluminum alloys, unworked		

\*Cargoes exported on Department of Defense controlled vessels (other than goods for the use of U.S. Armed Forces abroad) and non-Department of Defense shipments of military component items (abbreviated SCI) for which commodity detail is not furnished to the Corps of Engineers.

**APPENDIX C**  
**PRINCIPAL HISTORICAL COMMODITY FLOWS**

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## PRINCIPAL HISTORICAL COMMODITY FLOWS

## MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM AND GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

COMMODITY	MIL.	ORIGIN	DESTINATION	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
OTHER GRAINS	182	AIRL	MISS-BR200	0	0	14	9	6	71	30	5	23	77	139	1
OTHER GRAINS	182	AIRN	MISS-BR200	24	49	1	1	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
OTHER GRAINS	182	MISS-ME200	10	27	11	55	1	37	13	5	10	45	45	68	68
OTHER GRAINS	182	MISS-ME204	9	17	43	9	3	3	3	14	5	1	9	9	72
OTHER GRAINS	182	MISS-ME208	6	23	156	3	5	0	1	4	5	13	8	8	4
OTHER GRAINS	182	MISS-ME212	3	18	39	15	0	27	61	164	119	137	365	744	744
OTHER GRAINS	182	MISS-ME216	16	62	10	46	43	14	37	38	33	51	51	113	113
OTHER GRAINS	182	MISS-ME220	28	13	17	0	0	0	9	13	3	1	33	33	163
OTHER GRAINS	182	MISS-ME224	1	13	0	0	0	0	4	38	13	55	31	31	151
OTHER GRAINS	182	MISS-ME228	0	4	7	0	0	0	4	38	13	55	31	31	151
CORN	182	WOLF	MISS-BR200	64	75	67	58	71	41	132	286	381	182	274	316
CORN	182	CHIC	614-ME220	128	27	92	2	2	5	61	22	286	69	186	19
CORN	182	ILL	MISS-BR200	2816	2339	4345	3941	4229	5983	7810	7739	8034	6666	9312	9737
CORN	182	ILL	MISS-ME200	1391	1650	3356	3868	2721	3691	3615	3868	2276	2382	1868	1534
CORN	182	ILL	MISS-ME204	638	767	544	392	342	226	162	239	365	368	376	355
CORN	182	ILL	TEEN	51	62	64	23	28	10	34	117	151	283	79	79
CORN	182	ILL	WOLF	680	491	587	1600	1861	526	693	437	387	176	693	765
CORN	182	MIN	DOWN INBOUND	5597	4783	7632	8819	9712	11400	15231	16686	17856	20524	23848	24854
CORN	182	MIN	EXPORT	6756	5806	6770	12283	11612	13622	19671	19533	23213	26683	27584	28112
CORN	182	MIN	614-ME220	54	15	3	42	3	14	25	23	85	49	49	13
CORN	182	MIN	MISS-BR200	1755	1546	2289	3381	3832	4010	5626	3073	6689	9699	10774	11461
CORN	182	MIN	MISS-ME200	8333	729	1586	2254	2531	2651	2824	1874	2821	2155	2614	2443
CORN	182	MIN	TEEN	459	393	187	212	165	91	34	55	174	238	274	234
CORN	182	MIN	MISS-BR204	76	126	219	231	205	96	93	439	846	641	646	709
CORN	182	MIN	MISS-ME204	43	82	193	194	186	71	67	533	199	261	154	111
CORN	182	MIN	MISS-ME212	73	64	34	45	44	4	13	62	10	28	28	71
CORN	182	MIN	MISS-ME216	298	325	6423	6470	6557	7697	8342	7117	5834	5581	5482	4644
CORN	182	MIN	MISS-ME220	3578	3639	6770	10604	7980	7614	7775	7132	5187	5151	5244	5064
CORN	182	MIN	EXPORT	11227	10602	15817	18883	17543	28481	28847	28813	25286	21699	30447	31112
CORN	182	MIN	ALL POINTS	15390	14177	24425	35750	32899	35976	40327	44152	54869	63014	67615	58939
CORN	182	MIN	EXPORT	62	90	68	87	218	493	929	1480	1523	2611	1366	1475
CORN	182	MIN	MISS-BR200	61	196	224	370	285	633	1657	1065	1065	652	618	388
WHEAT	187	MIN	160-ME200	0	0	11	7	34	49	72	169	118	63	644	264
WHEAT	187	MIN	160-ME204	187	187	187	187	187	31	4	14	42	138	182	867
WHEAT	187	MIN	160-ME208	18	73	61	18	78	182	123	138	57	74	174	86
WHEAT	187	MIN	160-ME212	29	71	63	51	79	116	151	158	38	115	122	159
WHEAT	187	MIN	160-ME216	53	45	51	186	538	416	345	421	227	57	112	354
WHEAT	187	MIN	160-ME220	234	233	319	32	213	293	322	335	115	72	267	253
WHEAT	187	MIN	160-ME224	339	584	931	590	1082	1046	2691	3099	2449	2229	3145	4627
WHEAT	187	MIN	160-ME228	637	743	1826	1638	1819	1886	2674	2765	2597	1932	3121	4474
WHEAT	187	MIN	160-ME232	65	51	61	136	368	681	575	718	934	764	1044	1044
WHEAT	187	MIN	160-ME236	229	179	281	126	223	573	643	413	583	714	734	745
WHEAT	187	MIN	160-ME240	173	224	252	182	161	185	185	128	162	189	121	184
WHEAT	187	MIN	160-ME244	23	65	188	16	204	79	74	396	387	279	485	486
WHEAT	187	MIN	160-ME248	63	133	173	57	189	55	77	352	349	255	548	712
WHEAT	187	MIN	160-ME252	0	1	10	7	14	37	8	55	57	53	53	66
WHEAT	187	MIN	160-ME256	669	954	1383	954	1149	1245	2134	1829	3415	3415	4464	4464
WHEAT	187	MIN	160-ME260	1235	1426	1001	1122	1154	1711	1493	1722	1943	3611	3611	3676
WHEAT	187	MIN	160-ME264	149	114	224	61	241	305	518	533	533	177	177	171
WHEAT	187	MIN	160-ME268	78	182	164	62	62	53	128	224	224	222	222	331

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COMMODITY	ORIGIN	DESTINATION	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
MEAT	107 MISS. R. SYS.	ALL POINTS	2530	3838	3839	2322	4455	5850	6834	6719	5398	5585	7335	1670
MEAT	107 MO	MISS-BREND	2	114	287	112	128	88	326	334	284	28	227	125
MEAT	107 MO	MISS-MCAMP	5	53	125	68	218	96	187	173	489	111	75	75
MEAT	107 MO	TENN	325	386	293	159	249	236	277	312	327	332	397	365
MEAT	107 MO	EXPORT	19269	17110	23229	49756	21448	34836	29196	28237	37466	36449	39193	4881
MEAT	107 MO	MISS-BREND	1	24	5	128	146	275	427	238	252	179	153	239
MEAT	107 MO	MISS-MCAMP	5	72	121	22	158	275	427	238	159	218	347	583
MEAT	107 MO	MISS-BREND	11	6	21	1	5	19	182	146	75	43	187	283
MEAT	107 MO	MISS-MCAMP	33	9	23	7	21	33	187	138	70	73	121	316
WHEAT	107 MO	MISS-BREND	63	37	56	91	114	112	151	188	238	214	251	238
WHEAT	111 ARK	MISS-BREND	86	68	85	71	15	33	114	44	43	186	184	
WHEAT	111 CHIC	MISS-BREND	784	667	997	1111	918	1118	1167	1346	1872	1426	1977	2869
WHEAT	111 ILL	MISS-BREND	111	667	764	652	616	648	532	628	468	274	416	688
WHEAT	111 ILL	MISS-MCAMP	391	667	764	652	616	648	532	628	468	274	416	688
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	MISS-BREND	481	255	236	192	287	164	188	197	53	383	254	
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	MISS-MCAMP	4762	3586	4197	4899	5487	5879	6557	6899	9791	9852	12638	16779
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	DOWN 1480, MO	269	195	234	326	396	212	286	648	861	731	658	676
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	EXPORT	5475	4949	5185	5689	5593	5794	7894	8373	12656	12824	13464	11615
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	MISS-BREND	1365	1899	1136	690	1443	1383	1919	1443	2639	2562	3491	2646
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	MISS-MCAMP	382	613	667	533	846	787	748	523	745	329	531	781
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	OH-LD/LD	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	44	111	110	76
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	MISS-BREND	269	195	234	226	233	239	186	133	371	199	159	176
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	MISS-MCAMP	165	186	226	226	233	239	186	133	371	199	159	176
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	DOWN INBOUND	1777	2855	3656	2777	3841	2854	2924	2814	2366	1579	2263	3393
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	EXPORT	2597	3400	3656	3653	3397	2748	2795	2610	1912	1489	1966	3749
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	MISS-BREND	1863	713	931	672	1342	1188	1521	1629	1768	2171	2297	1284
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	MISS-MCAMP	354	668	515	414	479	584	607	522	386	407	582	676
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	MISS-MCAMP	7829	8275	6697	8265	9737	8944	10885	11833	13581	12575	15470	14797
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	MISS-BREND	113	97	60	63	68	49	84	64	216	188	144	190
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	MISS-MCAMP	12888	12590	13174	14584	15170	13728	16851	17797	23073	22844	23534	23750
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	NATIONAL	110	145	176	194	389	380	423	474	797	672	1283	1231
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	MISS-BREND	55	68	83	42	212	141	207	242	252	224	221	166
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	MISS-MCAMP	4	59	7	13	21	28	55	83	186	154	96	
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	WARR	117	46	129	139	168	231	214	393	369	282	339	234
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	WHITE	300	179	184	165	259	255	343	349	317	375	332	89
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	MISS-BREND	1	1	0	3	5	1	3	128	189	125	324	262
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	MISS-MCAMP	111	36	66	66	85	85	89	125	218	201	316	288
SOY BEANS	111 ILL	ALL POINTS	13775	12999	12311	12789	11526	9887	7467	7861	6976	5883	5931	5149
MARINE SHELLS	931 GIN	ALL POINTS	3484	3687	3639	3515	4252	3788	2839	3035	3695	1694	1704	1690
MARINE SHELLS	931 GIN	MISS. R. SYS.	805	657	572	488	534	648	897	761	1224	551	52	
COAL	1121 ALL	OH-91110	1984	2699	4933	4359	4871	4754	4229	4915	4971	5666	4646	
COAL	1121 GIN	CHIC	4851	4476	4289	4975	4815	5889	4544	4836	2764	3133	4767	4468
COAL	1121 GIN	MISS-MCAMP	3861	2894	3683	2729	2894	2761	2648	2418	1531	1872	2354	2379
COAL	1121 GIN	MISS-MCAMP	281	222	357	1051	1051	1080	542	748	414	582	9	154
COAL	1121 GIN	OH-1-OIL	9124	7389	7975	7872	7676	6074	7723	6842	5358	6742	4939	5354
COAL	1121 GIN	TEEN	2785	2539	2174	1858	2398	612	464	285	478	269	17	
COAL	1121 GIN	ALL POINTS	1984	2699	4933	4359	4871	4754	4229	4915	4971	5666	4646	
COAL	1121 GIN	KONA	1951	2588	2331	1972	1582	2732	2701	2384	2317	2654	1871	941
COAL	1121 GIN	MUN	29	26	136	612	397	568	862	1041	1113	682	737	
COAL	1121 GIN	OH-1-MUD	3218	3525	3479	3691	2821	1995	2248	1167	6118	1062	2763	3738
COAL	1121 GIN	OH-1-OIL	1889	945	923	586	443	264	187	64	454	793	1373	934
COAL	1121 GIN	OH-1110	1119	115	282	341	178	110	241	132	731	1343	1387	1316

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COMMODITY	ORIGIN	DESTINATION	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	EXPORT	0	0	0	1	12	10	12	0	52	382	6032	
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	MISS-MEAD	39	46	86	145	486	1884	1984	719	655	987	1478	1364
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	STOKE	4	1	6	148	248	972	1812	894	905	1084	1215	935
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	ILL.	366	348	658	778	1117	532	535	1175	126	77	125	115
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	MISS-MEAD	2782	2375	3157	2838	2221	2628	216	2892	2469	2859	2538	2274
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	MISS-MEAD	1611	1657	1365	893	1638	67	94	829	417	317	323	788
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	MISS-MEAD	65	531	1329	1456	1286	25	529	1512	1686	2445	5832	6116
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	STOKE	1175	1880	1433	794	982	688	337	234	16	56	211	0
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	TEIN	0	0	0	0	42	4	134	301	738	1375	2755	2013
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	COSTHUSE	3704	3512	3585	3478	3480	3095	2559	2899	2857	2744	2946	3555
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	DOWN INBOUND	3839	4056	4693	3893	4259	4371	3863	3388	2239	2883	5544	11603
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	EXPORT	258	656	775	657	937	1218	1116	1312	1387	1391	7555	
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	AL POINTS	161987	96749	160722	164956	166395	116444	117578	166016	121423	122983	13641	
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	MEN	22286	17549	19242	18123	18169	19193	16982	15607	13379	17877	15034	12622
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	OH-PITTO	7339	5484	6554	6859	7287	6149	7658	7612	6742	7686	7287	5318
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	DOWN INBOUND	71275	56802	55914	53811	61581	62173	59165	53937	49328	65731	91340	112266
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	EXPORT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	NOM	3218	3459	2737	2374	1993	2228	3383	2077	2345	3915	3823	4137
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	OH-HAND	1480	4256	4654	4672	4835	6461	7018	6635	7299	3527	2933	3218
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	OH-LDOD	638	1175	493	413	1071	917	1632	2332	2560	3357	4282	4188
CORL	1121 MISS-MEAD	OH-PITTO	3480	3723	2359	2021	2124	1945	3696	4335	4876	3741	4791	5654
CORL	1121 NATIONAL	TEIN	3	7	4	0	2	28	309	593	584	1893	1884	85
CORL	1121 OH-HAND	CORL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CORL	1121 OH-HAND	ES-24M	0	50	287	643	936	717	1419	1623	6689	6701	5246	4488
CORL	1121 OH-HAND	611-M08240	538	498	619	769	517	929	799	1845	612	577	766	1497
CORL	1121 OH-HAND	M155-M024P	425	495	25	167	456	504	274	379	138	398	1167	4136
CORL	1121 OH-HAND	1121 OH-HAND	412	61	1	93	123	2	1816	4484	4637	3998	2815	7737
CORL	1121 OH-LDOD	CORL	2838	3587	4182	3553	4691	5271	6584	4513	4934	3558	6293	6395
CORL	1121 OH-LDOD	WOLF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	423	172	397	1229	1586
CORL	1121 OH-LDOD	OH-HAND	2574	2359	2701	2359	4929	4471	3837	4181	1980	3894	2672	2186
CORL	1121 OH-LDOD	OH-PITTO	121	121	121	121	121	121	121	121	1935	2874	1328	1337
CORL	1121 OH-LDOD	OH-PITTO	121	121	121	121	121	121	121	121	121	121	4736	4929
CORL	1121 OH-LDOD	TEIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CORL	1121 OH-LDOD	611-FU-028LA	3931	4200	4544	3612	2708	2124	3273	3658	3438	3501	1589	3584
CORL	1121 MARR	MARR	0	18	3	0	36	289	717	613	1821	726	736	881
CORL	1121 MARR	MARR	3853	3987	5553	4377	5867	5344	5895	6761	5769	5727	8457	824
CORL	1121 MARR	M155-BR24D	132	49	3	96	51	7	18	39	132	331	583	612
CORL	1121 MARR	ALL POINTS	31865	32990	32297	2756	25169	24572	24242	24746	22293	28288	17459	15191
CORL	1121 MARR	64LV	328	397	1721	699	795	1452	622	174	1962	1339	374	318
CORL	1121 MARR	CALCAS	3951	3881	2944	2699	2763	2188	1755	1989	1685	1461	1574	943
CORL	1121 MARR	64LV	4821	4753	3828	2791	2245	1529	1561	1683	817	766	568	421
CORL	1121 MARR	M155-BR24D	765	1223	1382	1515	1235	1123	1144	697	349	344	576	369
CORL	1121 MARR	M155-BR24D	2286	2225	2672	2159	2095	2119	1934	1865	1437	876	815	
CORL	1121 MARR	M155-BR24D	45	6	0	111	0	0	0	0	0	0	164	42
CORL	1121 MARR	S46-MECH	2152	2170	2152	1818	1045	784	704	662	479	473	1860	845
CORL	1121 MARR	M155-BR24D	75	163	241	367	168	255	255	453	592	513	335	296
CORL	1121 MARR	1121 G1-FU-028AB	248	276	1044	234	221	114	154	619	614	676	446	
CORL	1121 MARR	1121 G1-FU-028AB	1249	798	1077	1242	1139	859	836	914	664	820	948	
CORL	1121 MARR	DOWN INBOUND	112	89	19	118	82	93	57	52	191	157	248	258
CORL	1121 MARR	EXPORT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CORL	1121 MARR	1121 MISS-MEAD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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CRUDE	1311 MISS-BR2ND	IMPORT	182	229	1834	5586	14194	25775	43863	64446	69195	73544	65594	53995
CRUDE	1311 MISS-BR2ND	MISS-BR2ND	199	191	151	312	418	392	715	488	748	522	467	764
CRUDE	1311 MISS-BR2ND	MISS-MINCO	0	0	0	0	218	0	452	331	432	159	456	399
CRUDE	40LF	COASTWISE	1891	18417	6882	3941	2424	367	1031	1458	2897	1111	1111	938
CRUDE	1311 MISS-BR2ND	DOWN INBOUND	1224	1862	2491	3156	2854	3273	3357	3863	2788	2215	1651	1869
CRUDE	1311 MISS-BR2ND	IMPORT	0	188	267	1633	3555	4382	5928	13462	9182	12212	16139	6978
CRUDE	1311 MISS-BR2ND	MISS-BR2ND	4999	5438	5386	6255	3748	3445	3114	1886	1632	1697	981	747
CRUDE	1311 MISS-BR2ND	MISS-NOR2ND	015	458	1281	841	961	1438	1192	625	621	1159	1138	749
CRUDE	1311 MISS-BR2ND	MISS-Q42ND	1786	1766	2356	1246	1395	1739	1829	286	1458	1955	1858	636
CRUDE	1311 MISS-BR2ND	MOLF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	397	163	176	379	596
CRUDE	ALL POINTS	25798	25232	28267	25191	19147	21627	21861	18843	24964	17753	14958	13753	
CRUDE	EXPORT	612	329	417	428	129	0	194	253	145	2	1	1	26
CRUDE	OH-LIQUID	5555	6361	6220	3892	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRUDE	OH-LIQUID	1864	1207	1282	742	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	19
CRUDE	CRLC	21	11	98	150	69	0	0	0	24	579	2088	235	239
CRUDE	SAB-NECH	350	382	353	289	326	581	763	939	451	667	1291	1291	636
CRUDE	SAB-NECH	MISS-NOR2ND	0	1	24	138	591	729	957	1841	855	986	317	164
CRUDE	MISS-NOR2ND	MOLF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	578	346	288	514	359
CRUDE	MISS-NOR2ND	ALL POINTS	1901	1757	1384	1862	2368	1779	1397	1822	1670	2426	3195	2537
CRUDE	MISS-NOR2ND	ALL POINTS	1563	1986	2410	2394	2167	2510	2725	2233	2626	2356	2498	2152
CRUDE	MISS-NOR2ND	ALL POINTS	32147	35668	33129	34661	33686	38165	31042	33804	37838	38846	29482	25641
CRUDE	MISS-NOR2ND	MISS-NOR2ND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	60	60	162	11
CRUDE	MISS-NOR2ND	611-MOB2ND	112	165	205	289	147	66	147	278	222	275	334	278
LIMESTONE	1411 MISS-R.SYS.	MISS-Q42ND	22	15	33	47	65	65	74	98	110	88	131	189
SAND, GRAVEL, CRUSHED ROCK	1442 61N	1442 61N	40	40	75	49	68	117	90	136	180	180	189	130
FERTILIZERS & PTL'S	1442 MISS-R.SYS.	1471 APR	137	148	277	491	522	615	476	376	462	392	633	443
FERTILIZERS & PTL'S	1471 APR	MISS-BR2ND	365	698	1267	1362	1447	679	88	49	59	155	179	45
FERTILIZERS & PTL'S	1471 BALV	MISS-BR2ND	184	152	148	254	232	428	428	369	591	651	765	989
FERTILIZERS & PTL'S	1471 61H-MOB2ND	MISS-BR2ND	132	212	163	99	25	0	0	134	199	337	333	299
FERTILIZERS & PTL'S	1471 MISS-BR2ND	MISS-BR2ND	66	78	116	78	85	116	68	65	89	97	97	110
FERTILIZERS & PTL'S	1471 MISS-BR2ND	MISS-BR2ND	180	183	173	129	308	215	243	199	194	256	196	206
FERTILIZERS & PTL'S	1471 MISS-BR2ND	MISS-BR2ND	141	167	162	201	347	437	672	674	676	676	644	585
FERTILIZERS & PTL'S	1471 MISS-BR2ND	WHITE	0	11	21	28	23	15	37	21	51	26	155	7
FERTILIZERS & PTL'S	1471 MISS-BR2ND	MISS-MINCO	25	46	43	48	29	43	58	86	183	92	113	184
FERTILIZERS & PTL'S	1471 MISS-BR2ND	ILL.	10	8	32	11	3	21	28	24	44	61	130	28
FERTILIZERS & PTL'S	1471 MISS-BR2ND	LAKE MICH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	28	193	18
FERTILIZERS & PTL'S	1471 MISS-BR2ND	ILL.	378	312	373	469	468	487	511	533	397	453	356	347
FERTILIZERS & PTL'S	1471 MISS-BR2ND	MISS-MINCO	810	933	912	833	983	700	932	589	685	685	599	478
FERTILIZERS & PTL'S	1471 MISS-BR2ND	OH-LIQUID	6	5	0	1	4	16	61	51	81	186	183	69
FERTILIZERS & PTL'S	1471 MISS-BR2ND	ALL POINTS	750	830	1227	1461	1378	1395	988	1863	1863	1211	1177	982
SULPHUR, LIQUID	1471 MISS-BR2ND	ALL POINTS	2393	2423	2579	2674	2993	2825	2372	2399	2270	2752	2654	2279
FERTILIZERS & PTL'S	1471 MISS-BR2ND	ALL POINTS	4896	4814	4971	4187	4982	4714	4985	4588	5003	4246	3364	
NON-METALLIC MIN.	1471 MISS-BR2ND	DOWN INBOUND	15	59	170	153	247	232	194	195	112	133	44	70
NON-METALLIC MIN.	1471 MISS-BR2ND	EXPORT	7	3	6	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	1	3
NON-METALLIC MIN.	1471 MISS-BR2ND	IMPORT	165	83	129	193	76	106	255	421	136	172	68	6
NON-METALLIC MIN.	1471 MISS-BR2ND	COASTWISE	195	142	56	18	30	6	4	1	0	2	1	0
NON-METALLIC MIN.	1471 MISS-BR2ND	DOWN INBOUND	166	64	11	0	0	0	0	35	7	1	1	0
NON-METALLIC MIN.	1471 MISS-BR2ND	EXPORT	64	46	38	54	54	27	74	43	51	51	44	16

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ALCOHOLS	2813	MISS-BR20	OH-LQUID	54	60	63	119	114	98	112	109	146	172	148	148
ALCOHOLS	2813	MISS-R-STS.	ALL POINTS	1479	1585	1654	1638	1697	1715	1691	1758	1676	1485	1483	1483
ALCOHOLS	2813	SAB-MECH	GALV	51	57	49	98	70	15	33	14	52	155	100	58
ALCOHOLS	2813	SAB-MECH	KANA	137	186	183	161	155	173	152	117	162	265	94	101
ALCOHOLS	2813	SAB-MECH	SAB-MECH	59	13	44	31	35	6	2	14	38	112	128	66
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-SANDY	OH-HUND	8	1	0	0	0	50	43	134	119	131	157	186
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-SANDY	CHIC	178	155	153	143	136	141	156	148	280	193	176	289
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-SALV	ESCOM	122	128	139	126	149	139	159	146	127	129	104	43
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-SALV	GALV	269	324	484	460	381	335	364	583	710	846	782	835
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-SALV	GIV-COCNEI	13	37	52	54	42	6	8	133	169	222	129	22
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-SALV	GIV-BR200	108	182	133	159	161	134	153	170	225	242	169	243
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-SALV	KANA	219	239	185	141	135	98	134	153	159	111	151	151
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-SALV	MISS-BR200	176	154	136	135	235	194	137	217	228	446	534	518
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-SALV	OH-HUND	41	69	75	117	175	86	182	64	52	138	114	77
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-SALV	OH-HUND	131	96	185	153	143	168	287	293	244	426	328	417
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-SALV	OH-PITTO	42	37	48	39	73	49	41	36	166	165	146	237
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-SALV	TEM	13	24	87	94	97	141	190	734	757	574	497	291
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-SALV	GALV	149	265	210	167	155	134	282	252	301	319	356	356
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-COCNEI	GREEN	0	0	0	0	161	0	0	0	0	221	388	319
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-COCNEI	OH-LQUID	8	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	250	224
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-COCNEI	CHIC	11	38	42	41	74	60	97	114	320	235	112	71
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-GAL200	GALV	265	347	394	445	425	373	327	415	547	616	557	546
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-GAL200	OH-LQUID	8	33	91	31	39	236	322	186	316	233	430	551
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-GAL200	TEM	72	67	65	147	153	160	171	121	332	383	164	154
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-GAL200	CHIC	102	170	189	171	234	210	154	167	146	191	238	207
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-GAL200	GALV	84	99	174	172	185	174	156	291	364	406	367	432
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-GAL200	ILL	344	339	365	264	307	328	344	359	429	1124	581	518
CHEMICALS	2816	61W-GAL200	OH-LQUID	123	146	149	81	78	69	64	122	157	124	183	183
CHEMICALS	2816	MISS-BR200	MISS-BR200	103	143	168	170	152	554	1158	1159	1389	1401	1368	1435
CHEMICALS	2816	MISS-BR200	MISS-BR200	315	356	316	219	273	325	283	285	130	134	210	221
CHEMICALS	2816	MISS-BR200	MISS-BR200	7	91	164	179	206	173	159	289	212	286	354	448
CHEMICALS	2816	MISS-BR200	OH-HUND	98	136	268	239	234	224	265	328	397	653	574	564
CHEMICALS	2816	MISS-BR200	OH-HUND	361	553	606	702	461	347	418	322	619	596	628	596
CHEMICALS	2816	MISS-BR200	OH-PITTO	362	492	573	651	610	347	389	538	502	662	684	684
CHEMICALS	2816	MISS-BR200	TEM	196	279	443	494	656	432	486	470	459	445	479	475
CHEMICALS	2816	MISS-BR200	MISS-BR200	33	94	121	123	101	119	148	183	111	92	185	183
CHEMICALS	2816	MISS-BR200	OH-HUND	2149	2225	1956	2097	1481	312	28	47	1822	1299	1297	1297
CHEMICALS	2816	SAB-MECH	GALV	16	29	23	14	35	25	69	65	88	149	169	325
CHEMICALS	2816	SAB-MECH	GIV-COCNEI	59	37	67	76	106	88	74	58	129	139	138	37
CHEMICALS	2816	SAB-MECH	TEM	15	19	16	14	24	19	19	119	31	38	119	38
BENZENE & TOLUENE	2817	SAB-MECH	GALV	221	234	511	424	361	370	563	585	524	584	671	671
BENZENE & TOLUENE	2817	SAB-MECH	GIV-COCNEI	11	8	4	10	22	1	11	0	23	50	16	16
BENZENE & TOLUENE	2817	SAB-MECH	GIV-GAL200	14	13	13	14	39	14	25	28	168	168	163	77
BENZENE & TOLUENE	2817	SAB-MECH	OH-PITTO	13	14	39	54	44	65	95	88	47	69	63	63
BENZENE & TOLUENE	2817	SAB-MECH	ALL POINTS	1777	1443	1710	1748	1933	1843	2127	1952	1928	1677	1615	222
BENZENE & TOLUENE	2817	SAB-MECH	GALV	72	17	82	86	83	83	116	182	89	212	187	187
BENZENE & TOLUENE	2817	SAB-MECH	GIV-COCNEI	19	5	0	25	19	56	96	84	84	137	91	91
BENZENE & TOLUENE	2817	SAB-MECH	GIV-GAL200	154	88	88	100	55	55	36	121	121	121	98	98

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BENZENE & TOLUENE	2817	61W-GA2CC	60LV	99	18	25	31	112	128	283	118	125	71	82
BENZENE & TOLUENE	2817	MISS-BR200	61W-GA2CC	26	14	11	49	101	45	67	34	8	41	131
BENZENE & TOLUENE	2817	MISS-BR200	MISS-BR200	142	151	169	83	74	71	62	107	119	124	131
BENZENE & TOLUENE	2817	MISS-MC200	MISS-MC20H	8	4	0	29	79	8	42	3	1	15	78
BENZENE & TOLUENE	2817	MISS-R, S.Y.S.	ALL POINTS	1421	1151	1472	1434	1824	1437	1569	1663	1462	1496	1397
BENZENE & TOLUENE	2817	AD-PATD	OH-LCD	7	8	48	44	66	53	64	77	73	63	63
BENZENE & TOLUENE	2817	60LV	MISS-BR200	148	134	220	92	127	129	97	150	174	148	172
BENZENE & TOLUENE	2817	60LV	SAB-NECH	33	48	61	33	77	72	89	116	109	83	85
BENZENE & TOLUENE	2817	SAB-NECH	SAB-NECH	32	39	16	36	68	41	51	64	55	52	63
BASIC CHEMICALS & PROD.	2819	61W	ALL POINTS	4735	4994	5639	4964	5015	5175	5501	6116	7375	7993	7897
BASIC CHEMICALS & PROD.	2819	MISS-R, S.Y.S.	ALL POINTS	10459	10559	10655	9707	10700	9574	9368	10072	11243	13145	13401
NITROGENOUS CHEM. FERTILIZERS	2871	MISS-R, S.Y.S.	ALL POINT'S	10113	11448	13112	1339	1349	1825	2195	2119	2564	2878	3185
FERTILIZER AND MATERIALS	2879	MISS-R, S.Y.S.	ALL POINTS	1444	1881	2950	2459	3036	2470	2224	2424	2589	2485	2911
ASPHALTE	2911	MISS-BR200	MISS-BR200	0	29	11	14	25	22	13	0	13	0	196
SOLVENT	2911	MISS-BR200	MISS-BR200	0	0	0	0	0	17	12	0	261	309	168
SOLVENT	2911	MISS-BR200	OH-LCD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOLVENT	2911	60LV	MISS-BR200	129	286	285	215	343	279	0	232	215	358	523
SOLVENT	2911	61W	ALL POINTS	9074	10551	8856	7876	6911	7296	6757	7948	7382	7660	7423
SOLVENT	2911	61W-MB200	61W-APPL200	496	652	996	1096	1027	933	764	1061	1433	842	556
SOLVENT	2911	ILL	ILL	0	0	12	274	484	391	43	0	468	420	338
SOLVENT	2911	ILL	MISS-MC20H	3	0	18	326	176	24	24	0	27	41	34
SOLVENT	2911	ILL	MISS-BR200	160	1113	54	27	66	65	152	812	326	522	1168
SOLVENT	2911	ILL	KANA	255	234	230	283	223	267	281	266	296	343	298
SOLVENT	2911	ILL	MISS-BR200	174	363	249	369	432	668	465	1098	365	266	295
SOLVENT	2911	ILL	MISS-MC20H	186	327	206	87	70	51	74	238	372	119	170
SOLVENT	2911	ILL	MISS-MC20P	54	253	263	416	324	464	394	392	271	173	253
SOLVENT	2911	ILL	MISS-BR200	915	862	1001	1178	963	944	1093	1353	1353	1121	1083
SOLVENT	2911	ILL	MISS-BR200	463	387	665	784	663	514	506	485	525	461	358
SOLVENT	2911	ILL	SAB-NECH	0	101	38	46	59	48	48	71	36	23	53
SOLVENT	2911	ILL	SAB-NECH	198	236	141	233	182	153	176	149	153	125	128
SOLVENT	2911	ILL	WOLF	0	0	0	0	3	0	227	342	425	281	319
SOLVENT	2911	ILL	WOLF	362	756	493	416	241	613	475	333	362	254	290
SOLVENT	2911	ILL	TEAM	24	16	47	69	89	81	135	126	96	102	125
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COMMODITY	NO.	ORIGIN	DESTINATION	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
GASOLINE	2911	OH-L-UUD	OH-L-UUD	1063	1076	1131	1359	1488	1319	1374	1069	1107	1013	917	1261
GASOLINE	2911	OH-L-UUD	OH-PITTO	123	42	98	208	146	198	119	56	94	205	182	34
GASOLINE	2911	OH-L-UUD	TEW	277	429	467	298	259	275	212	68	9	101	101	171
GASOLINE	2911	OH-L-UUD	WULF	6	6	6	6	6	6	294	144	52	106	161	75
GASOLINE	2911	OH-PITTO	WUN	266	269	229	217	206	238	234	0	253	238	276	273
GASOLINE	2911	SAB-MECH	MISS-BR2ND	251	484	134	109	118	118	149	0	134	39	215	117
GASOLINE	2911	SAB-MECH	MISS-BR2ND	6	6	6	6	6	6	13	0	28	152	131	25
JET FUEL	2912	WARR	ALL POINTS	647	645	619	605	751	532	784	782	766	650	1249	1603
JET FUEL	2912	WARR	ALL POINTS	1579	1672	1634	1539	1652	1336	1636	1709	1394	1451	1854	1324
DISTILLATE	2914	CALC	61W-BAL-20C	0	17	14	13	2	0	0	2	2	0	105	416
DISTILLATE	2914	CALC	CHIC	329	362	439	0	517	279	234	77	352	253	273	289
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	GAJV	218	234	361	531	378	361	544	722	481	437	649	592
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	MISS-BR2ND	0	59	61	72	134	141	281	85	115	239	169	244
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	SAB-MECH	248	483	608	512	697	210	370	469	265	200	177	189
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	ALL POINTS	2741	4039	4656	4374	6820	5421	4342	5626	3791	4234	4524	5589
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	GAJV	84	68	23	585	1221	669	114	352	194	558	472	468
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	61W-COCHEX	184	78	147	238	454	673	315	459	359	518	343	343
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	GEPEMII	25	48	87	54	68	49	62	163	126	145	165	78
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	ILL	0	0	13	0	0	255	398	244	298	259	162	161
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	AKR	0	0	60	60	60	91	97	88	183	158	165	94
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	61W-BAL-V	54	157	49	31	53	28	133	385	93	300	308	341
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	KW-A	64	57	66	77	71	73	88	94	91	112	106	66
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	MISS-BR2ND	47	39	89	147	258	281	972	984	721	432	545	523
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	MISS-BR2ND	168	271	329	409	477	434	428	438	365	327	416	416
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	MISS-BR2ND	173	288	198	416	369	364	353	95	1051	882	522	688
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	OH-L-UUD	0	0	56	160	215	184	346	672	556	573	448	64
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	TEW	2	0	59	63	245	289	123	236	67	121	157	31
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	ILL	195	228	252	198	129	279	286	159	204	133	237	163
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	MISS-MECMC	379	508	584	552	548	784	697	633	548	335	172	142
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	OH-L-UUD	99	115	152	172	250	363	382	247	286	21	169	142
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	MISS-MECMC	79	33	44	34	42	0	95	117	48	104	46	104
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	61W-MIS25A9	281	286	221	289	213	133	118	122	148	121	157	175
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	MISS-MECMC	68	45	68	126	154	53	111	81	325	264	168	136
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	OH-L-UUD	14	126	133	246	235	180	159	255	262	227	126	10
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	MISS-MECMC	229	251	284	376	481	448	314	183	117	124	115	235
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	WULF	0	0	0	0	0	0	113	88	78	62	167	138
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	ALL POINTS	675	737	871	907	10219	10243	10243	11139	11139	10824	10824	10824
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	KW-A	1	3	56	49	49	73	105	23	38	71	142	113
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	PNW	5	10	192	185	161	258	294	170	118	193	128	179
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	MISS-MECMC	1	13	1/9	248	233	279	247	222	210	299	335	348
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	OH-L-UUD	7	10	338	323	231	201	188	14	489	422	430	430
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	MISS-MECMC	14	2	165	182	242	191	191	94	222	132	144	144
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	OH-L-UUD	121	178	186	200	244	178	153	244	206	212	184	161
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	MISS-MECMC	368	367	407	492	488	499	620	693	738	646	537	664
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	TEW	4	17	32	7	38	0	4	0	0	0	39	39
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	WULF	16	26	6	0	0	2	5	19	56	62	121	121
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	MISS-R-SVS,	214	4440D	14	2	165	182	242	191	191	94	222	132
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	MISS-R-SVS,	214	4440D	121	178	186	200	244	178	153	244	206	212
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	MISS-R-SVS,	214	4440D	368	407	492	488	499	620	693	738	646	537
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	MISS-R-SVS,	214	4440D	16	5	63	116	88	127	228	177	239	239
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	MISS-R-SVS,	214	4440D	3	2	4	42	6	24	65	115	123	123
DISTILLATE	2914	CALV	MISS-R-SVS,	214	4440D	9	13	147	28	119	28	372	282	483	483

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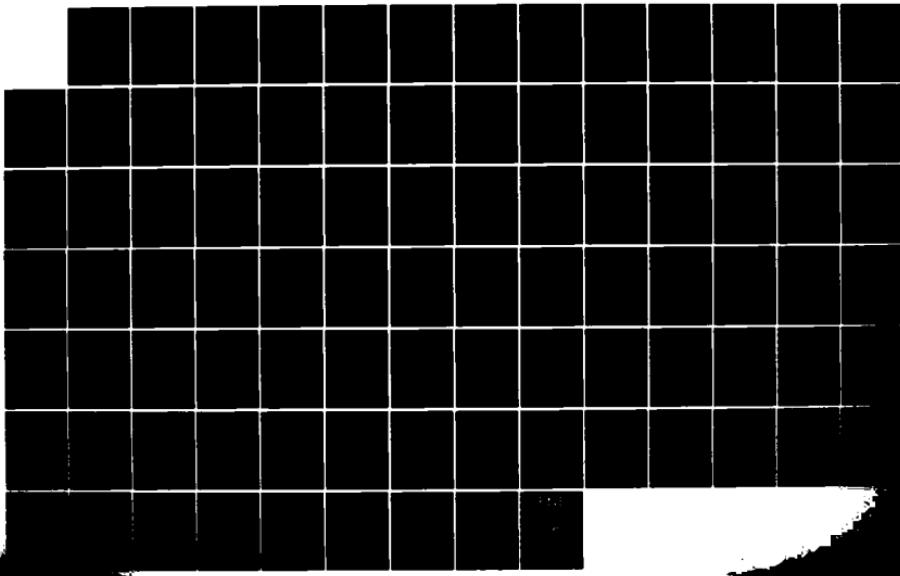
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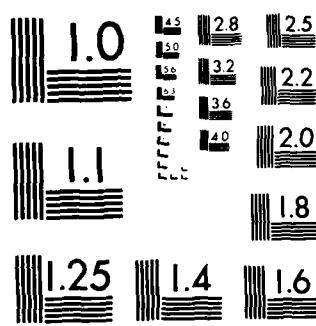
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## Appendix C Footnotes

<sup>1</sup>Table of Abbreviations for Commodity Flows

Abbreviations	Origin or Destination
ALL	All rivers
MISS.R. SYS.	Mississippi River System
MISS	Mississippi River
MISS-MN2NO	Mississippi River-Minnesota River to New Orleans
MISS-MN2MO	Mississippi River-Minnesota River to Missouri River
MISS-MO2NO	Mississippi River-Missouri River to New Orleans
MISS-MO2OH	Mississippi River-Missouri River to Ohio River
MISS-OH2BR	Mississippi River-Ohio River to Baton Rouge
MISS-BR2NO	Mississippi River-Baton Rouge to New Orleans
MISS-NO2MP	Mississippi River-New Orleans to Mouth of Passes
MIN	Minnesota River
STCRX	St. Croix River
CHIC	Chicago
LAKE MICH	Lake Michigan
ILL	Illinois Waterway
MD	Missouri River
OH-PITD	Ohio River-Pittsburgh District
OH-HUND	Ohio River-Huntington District
OH-LOUD	Ohio River-Louisville District
MON	Monongahela River
KANA	Kanawha River
BIG SANDY	Big Sandy River
GREEN	Green and Barren Rivers
CUMB	Cumberland River
TENN	Tennessee River
WARR	Warrior, Black Warrior, Tombigbee, Alabama and Mobile Rivers
WOLF	Wolf River
ARK	Arkansas River
WHITE	White River
YAZOO	Yazoo River
OUCH/BLK	Ouchita/Black River
ATCH	Atchafalaya River
GIW	Gulf Intracoastal Waterway
GIW-FLA2ALA	Gulf Intracoastal Waterway-Florida to Alabama River
GIW-APP2MOB	Gulf Intracoastal Waterway-Appalachicola to Mobile
GIW-MOB2NO	Gulf Intracoastal Waterway-Mobile to New Orleans
GIW-MISS2SAB	Gulf Intracoastal Waterway-Mississippi River to Sabine River
GIW-GAL2CC	Gulf Intracoastal Waterway-Galveston to Corpus Christi
GIW-CC2MEX	Gulf Intracoastal Waterway-Corpus Christi to Mexico
GLFMEX	Gulf of Mexico
ESCAM	Escambia River
CALC	Calcasieu River
SAB-NECH	Sabine and Neches Rivers
GALV	Galveston

## 2Commodity descriptions:

Other Grains includes Barley and Rye (0102), Oats (0104), Rice (0105), and Sorghum Grains (0106).

Fertilizers and Materials includes Phosphate Rock (1471), Natural Fertilizer Materials, NEC (1479), Nitrogenous Chemical Fertilizers (2871), Potassic Chemical Fertilizers (2872), Phosphoric Chemical Fertilizers (2873), and Fertilizers and Fertilizer Materials, NEC (2879).

Chemicals includes Radioactive and Associate Materials (2816), Basic Chemicals and Basic Chemical Products, NEC (2819), Plastic Materials (2821), and Insecticides, Fumicides, Pesticides, and Disinfectants (2876).

Iron and Steel Finished Products includes Iron and Steel Bars, Rods, Angles, Shapes, and Sections, Including Sheet Piling (3315), Iron and Steel Plates and Sheets (3316), and Primary Iron and Steel Products, NEC, including Castings (3319).

<sup>3</sup>Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States, Part 5.

**APPENDIX D**  
**BARGE LINE CAPABILITIES**

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BARGE LINE CAPABILITIES

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	Regulated										Grain	
	ACBL	DNC	ONCO	Valley	FBL	TCB	SCND	Dixie	Riverway	OBL	Consolidated	Wisconsin
Towboats	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Dry Barges	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Covered	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Open	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Deck	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Heavy	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Tank Barges	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Clean	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Dirty	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Press./Temp. Controlled	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Terminals	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
General	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Grain	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Liquid	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Coal-Onload	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Coal-Tranload	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Building	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Towboats	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Barges	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Repair	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Drydock—Upper River	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Drydock—Lower River	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Fleet Repair—Upper River	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Fleet Repair—Lower River	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Midstream	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Fuel—Upper River	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Fuel—Lower River	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Stores—Upper River	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Stores—Lower River	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Floating	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Upper Mississippi	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Illinois	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
St. Louis	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Ohio	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cairo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Baton Rouge	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
New Orleans	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

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## BARGE LINE CAPABILITIES

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	Grain—Private					Coal					Coal—Private		
	Agri-Trans	ARTCO	Cargo Carriers	Conagra/Peavey	Conti-Carriers	Campbell	Crouse	M/G	McDonough	Miss River	AEP	Mid-South	Mid-Amer
Towboats	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Dry Barges	x												x
Covered	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Open			x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Deck													
Heavy													
Tank Barges	x	x	x						x	x			
Clean													
Dirty													
Free./Temp. Controlled													
Terminals													
General													
Grain													
Liquid	x	x	x	x	x						x	x	x
Coal-Onload													
Coal-Transload													
Building													
Towboats													
Barges			x										
Repair													
Drydock—Upper River													
Drydock—Lower River	x		x		x			x		x			
Fleet Repair—Upper River			x		x			x		x			
Fleet Repair—Lower River	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Midstream													
Fuel—Upper River													
Fuel—Lower River													
Stores—Upper River													
Stores—Lower River													
Floating													
Upper Mississippi													
Illinois													
St. Louis	x		x	x	x	x	x						
Ohio			x	x	x	x	x						
Cairo			x	x	x	x	x						
Baton Rouge	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x		
New Orleans													

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	Liquid				
	Grant	Canal	Scott Chetin	Glaeders	Hines
Towboats	x	x	x	x	x
Dry Barges					
Covered		x	x	x	x
Open		x		x	
Deck		x			
Heavy					
Tank Barges					
Clean	x	x	x	x	x
Dirty					
Press./Temp. Controlled					
Terminals			x		
General					
Grain					
Liquid					
Coal-Unload					
Coal-Transload					
Building					
Towboats	x				
Barges					
Repair					
Drydock—Upper River					
Drydock—Lower River	x				
Fleet Repair—Upper River					
Fleet Repair—Lower River	x				
Midstream					
Fuel—Upper River					
Fuel—Lower River					
Stores—Upper River					
Stores—Lower River					
Floating					
Upper Mississippi					
Illinois					
St. Louis					
Ohio					
Cairo					
Baton Rouge					
New Orleans					

Source: TBS/DMC data.

**APPENDIX E**  
**SAMPLE TELEPHONE**  
**MARKET SURVEY**

Company

Date

**TELEPHONE SURVEY OF RIVER SHIPPERS**

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, from the economic and management consulting firm of Temple, Barker & Sloane, Inc., in Lexington, Massachusetts. We are conducting a survey for an inland barge line client to learn how they can improve their services to shippers on the inland waterways.

1. Do you select barge companies to move freight on the inland waterways?

If NO:

Who should I speak to? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the telephone number? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you responsible for:

Grain \_\_\_\_\_ Go to page 2

Coal \_\_\_\_\_ Go to page 3

Other Dry Bulk Cargoes \_\_\_\_\_ Go to page 4

Liquid Cargoes \_\_\_\_\_ Go to page 5

Regulated or breakbulk cargo? \_\_\_\_\_ Go to page 6

## GRAIN

	<u>ACBL</u>	<u>ARTCO</u>	<u>BUNGE</u>	<u>CARGO CARRIERS</u>	<u>CONSOLIDATED</u>	<u>DRAVO- MECHLING</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>	<u>RIVERMEN</u>
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1. Of the following barge lines, which do you think gives the best overall service? (Write 1 for Best, 2 Next Best, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which do you think best delivers the barges for loading where and when you need them? (Best, next best, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Which barges do you think provides the best quality barges? (Best, next best, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which do you think best keeps you advised of barge locations and problems? (Best, next best, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which do you think is best in solving problems of accounting, claims, and other aspects of the move? (Best, next best, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Which do you think is the most cost competitive? (Best, next best, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Is there any barge line that you think is better than \_\_\_\_\_ (Name best):
  1. for overall service? \_\_\_\_\_
  2. for delivering empty barges? \_\_\_\_\_
  3. for quality barges? \_\_\_\_\_
  4. for keeping you advised? \_\_\_\_\_
  5. for solving problems? \_\_\_\_\_
  6. for cost competitiveness? \_\_\_\_\_

7. How can barge line service be improved for your cargo? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**COAL**

	<u>ACBL</u>	<u>CROUNSE</u>	<u>DRAVO-</u> <u>MECHLING</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>	<u>ORCO</u>
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1. Of the following barge lines, which do you think gives the best overall service? (Write 1 for Best, 2 Next Best, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which do you think best delivers the barges for loading where and when you need them? (Best, next best, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Which barges do you think provides the best quality barges? (Best, next best, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which do you think best keeps you advised of barge locations and problems? (Best, next best, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which do you think is best in solving problems of accounting, claims, and other aspects of the move? (Best, next best, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Which do you think is the most cost competitive? (Best, next best, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Is there any barge line that you think is better than \_\_\_\_\_ (Name best):

1. for overall service? \_\_\_\_\_
2. for delivering empty barges? \_\_\_\_\_
3. for quality barges? \_\_\_\_\_
4. for keeping you advised? \_\_\_\_\_
5. for solving problems? \_\_\_\_\_
6. for cost competitiveness? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How can barge line service be improved for your cargo? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

## OTHER DRY BULK

	<u>ACBL</u>	<u>CONSOLIDATED</u>	<u>CONTI-CARRIERS</u>	<u>DRAVO-MECHLING</u>	<u>MEMCO</u>	<u>VALLEY</u>
1. Of the following barge lines, which do you think gives the best overall service? (Write 1 for Best, 2 Next Best, etc.)	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Which do you think best delivers the barges for loading where and when you need them? (Best, next best, etc.)	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Which barges do you think provides the best quality barges? (Best, next best, etc.)	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Which do you think best keeps you advised of barge locations and problems? (Best, next best, etc.)	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Which do you think is best in solving problems of accounting, claims, and other aspects of the move? (Best, next best, etc.)	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Which do you think is the most cost competitive? (Best, next best, etc.)	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Is there any barge line that you think is better than _____ (Name best):						
1. for overall service?	_____					
2. for delivering empty barges?	_____					
3. for quality barges?	_____					
4. for keeping you advised?	_____					
5. for solving problems?	_____					
6. for cost competitiveness?	_____					
7. How can barge line service be improved for your cargo?	_____					
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	_____					

## LIQUID

	<u>ACBL</u>	<u>DIXIE</u>	<u>DRAVO-MECHLING</u>	<u>NATIONAL MARINE</u>	<u>ORCO (CHOTIN)</u>
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1. Of the following barge lines, which do you think gives the best overall service? (Write 1 for Best, 2 Next Best, etc.)
2. Which do you think best delivers the barges for loading where and when you need them? (Best, next best, etc.)
3. Which barges do you think provides the best quality barges? (Best, next best, etc.)
4. Which do you think best keeps you advised of barge locations and problems? (Best, next best, etc.)
5. Which do you think is best in solving problems of accounting, claims, and other aspects of the move? (Best, next best, etc.)
6. Which do you think is the most cost competitive? (Best, next best, etc.)
7. Is there any barge line that you think is better than \_\_\_\_\_ (Name best):

1. for overall service? \_\_\_\_\_
2. for delivering empty barges? \_\_\_\_\_
3. for quality barges? \_\_\_\_\_
4. for keeping you advised? \_\_\_\_\_
5. for solving problems? \_\_\_\_\_
6. for cost competitiveness? \_\_\_\_\_

7. How can barge line service be improved for your cargo? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## REGULATED (OR BREAKBULK)

	<u>ACBL</u>	<u>DRAVO</u>	<u>MECHLING</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>	<u>ORCO</u>	<u>SCNO</u>	<u>VALLEY</u>
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1. Of the following barge lines, which do you think gives the best overall service? (Write 1 for Best, 2 Next Best, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which do you think best delivers the barges for loading where and when you need them? (Best, next best, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Which barges do you think provides the best quality barges? (Best, next best, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which do you think best keeps you advised of barge locations and problems? (Best, next best, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which do you think is best in solving problems of accounting, claims, and other aspects of the move? (Best, next best, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Which do you think is the most cost competitive? (Best, next best, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Is there any barge line that you think is better than \_\_\_\_\_ (Name best):
  1. for overall service? \_\_\_\_\_
  2. for delivering empty barges? \_\_\_\_\_
  3. for quality barges? \_\_\_\_\_
  4. for keeping you advised? \_\_\_\_\_
  5. for solving problems? \_\_\_\_\_
  6. for cost competitiveness? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How can barge line service be improved for your cargo? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Thank you for your assistance, we know that this information will help our client be more responsive to the needs of you and other barge shippers.

Verify Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Appendix F**  
**EXAMPLES OF FORECASTING METHODOLOGY**

## Appendix F

### EXAMPLES OF FORECASTING METHODOLOGY

The forecasting procedures are explained below with two examples of fertilizer and grain.

#### FERTILIZER

Tons of fertilizer movements on the Mississippi River System were forecasted and are displayed in Figure F-1. The table shows historical and forecasted fertilizer barge traffic, national fertilizer production, and the nondimensional parametric explanatory factor. Note that 1982 is the last year in which complete data were available. The figure is separated after that year to single out forecasted data. The analysis begins from left to right for the historical data and then continues from right to left for the forecasted data. Each column will be explained below in that order.

#### Data Sources for 1970-1982

Column 1. Historical Mississippi River System fertilizer movements in short tons were available in Part 2 of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (CofE) Waterborne Commerce of the United States.

Column 2. All U.S. fertilizer consumption is found in the Statistical Abstract of the United States.

Column 3. Data Resources, Inc. (DRI) publishes an historical fertilizer production index in its U.S. Long Term Review.

Column 4. An explanatory factor showing the relative quantities of barge traffic to national consumption was calculated by dividing Column 1 by Column 2.

#### Forecasting Methodology for 1983-1990

Column 1. The forecasts of Mississippi River System traffic were calculated by multiplying the explanatory factors in Column 4 by the forecasted national consumption figures in Column 2.

Figure F-1

MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST  
FERTILIZER

Year	1 Mississippi River System Fertilizer Movements <sup>1</sup> (millions of short tons)	2 All U.S. Fertilizer Consumption <sup>2</sup> (millions of tons)	3 DRI Index of Production for Agricultural Chemicals (1967 = 1.000)	4 Explanatory Factor (1+3)
1970	3.9	39.6	1.079	.098
1971	4.5	39.9	1.035	.113
1972	6.5	39.9	1.089	.163
1973	5.9	41.8	1.270	.141
1974	6.5	47.1	1.447	.138
1975	6.2	42.5	1.641	.146
1976	6.0	49.2	1.854	.122
1977	7.0	51.6	2.012	.136
1978	7.1	47.5	2.118	.149
1979	7.6	51.5	2.216	.148
1980	8.4	52.8	2.307	.159
1981	7.3	54.0	2.415	.135
1982	6.5	48.7	2.087	.133
1983F	6.3	45.1	1.932 <sup>a</sup>	.14
1984F	6.7	48.0	2.056 <sup>a</sup>	.14
1985F	7.3	51.9	2.223 <sup>a</sup>	.14
1986F	7.7	55.0	2.357 <sup>a</sup>	.14
1987F	8.2	58.7	2.514 <sup>a</sup>	.14
1988F	8.7	62.0	2.657 <sup>a</sup>	.14
1989F	8.9	63.8	2.734 <sup>a</sup>	.14
1990F	9.3	66.6	2.855 <sup>a</sup>	.14

<sup>1</sup>Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterborne Commerce of the United States, Part 2 (phosphate rock, nitrogenous chemical fertilizers, fertilizers and materials, n.e.c., and lime).

<sup>2</sup>Data Resources, Inc., U.S. Long Term Review, Winter 1983-84, p. 11.47.

<sup>3</sup>Source: DOC, Statistical Abstract of the United States, (FEA), p. 670.

<sup>a</sup>DRI, op. cit., CYCLELONG1283, p. 1.127.

F = Forecasted.

Column 2. The forecast of total U.S. fertilizer consumption was calculated with the ratio of the DRI index to the U.S. consumption for the last year of actual data (1982). This factor of 23.33 (48.7 divided by 2.087) was then multiplied by the DRI index in Column 3 to get forecasted U.S. consumption in Column 2.

Column 3. The DRI forecasts of national fertilizer production were obtained for recent years from the U.S. Long Term Review.

Column 4. An average of .14 for the explanatory factor was calculated and used for future years. This represents a constant ratio for Mississippi River System traffic compared to total U.S. consumption.

#### GRAIN

The mechanism that is used to determine expected barge demand for grain transportation focuses on export demand. Grain export demand forecasts have been developed by DRI for both short and long terms. Historical data describing exports is available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and historical data describing river movements is available from the CofE. As we proceed through the analysis tabulated in Figure F-2, specific sources will be cited.

As before, the analysis begins from left to right for the historical data and then generally from right to left for the forecasted data. Each column will be explained below in that order.

#### Data Sources for 1970-1982

Column 1. Historical Mississippi River System grain movements in short tons are available in Part 2 of CofE's Waterborne Commerce of the United States.

Column 2. The number of bushels of Mississippi River grain exported through ports on the Gulf of Mexico was found in USDA's Grain and Feed Market News.

Column 3. An explanatory factor showing the relative proportion of barge movements to Gulf exports was calculated by dividing Column 1 by Column 2. Note that the different units, short tons and bushels, were ignored.

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GRAIN**

Year	Mississippi River System Grain Movements <sup>1</sup> (millions of short tons)	Mississippi River Gulf Exports <sup>2</sup> (millions of bushels)	Gulf Export Share of MRS Traffic Explanatory Factor	Total U.S. Grain Exports <sup>2</sup> (millions of bushels)	Mississippi River Gulf Exports <sup>2</sup> as Percent of U.S. Exports (\$)	FFB Percent Value Change <sup>3</sup> 1967 = 100	DRI Unit Index of FFB Export by Volume	DRI Exports <sup>4</sup> (billions of current \$)	FFB Export Volume Index	Export Volume Index	Volume Explanatory Factor
				(1+2)	(2+4)	5	6	7	8	9	(8+7)
1970	23.9	684.0	.0149	1826.2	37.5	3.4	.99	5.9	5.91	309.0	
1971	24.6	635.6	.0167	1705.7	37.3	6.9	1.068	6.1	5.72	298.2	
1972	30.9	957.0	.0224	2318.8	41.3	4.1	1.112	7.5	6.74	344.0	
1973	32.2	1172.7	.0275	3511.9	33.4	56.3	1.730	15.1	8.69	404.1	
1974	35.6	1155.8	.0313	2880.1	39.4	27.0	2.207	18.5	8.30	363.7	
1975	39.4	1163.4	.0358	3159.4	36.9	5.1	2.319	19.1	8.24	383.4	
1976	48.8	1518.7	.0322	3560.5	42.5	-9.2	2.106	19.7	9.35	380.8	
1977	46.8	1486.8	.0315	3567.4	44.2	-0.3	2.100	19.6	9.33	360.9	
1978	55.0	1645.2	.0314	4197.2	39.2	5.1	2.207	25.0	11.33	370.5	
1979	54.7	1750.4	.0313	4561.8	38.4	11.9	2.469	29.6	11.99	380.5	
1980	64.4	1947.1	.0351	4929.8	39.5	5.0	2.613	35.3	13.51	367.1	
1981	66.3	2092.1	.0317	4940.9	42.3	5.0	2.743	37.9	13.82	357.5	
1982	73.8	2284.5	.0323	4757.9	48.0	-11.9	2.817	31.4	12.95	367.4	
1983 <sup>f</sup>	73.1	2283	.032	4566	50.0	3.0 <sup>b</sup>	2.509	31.4 <sup>b</sup>	12.51	365	
1984 <sup>f</sup>	70.2	2198	.032	4570	48.0	12.4 <sup>a</sup>	2.820	35.3 <sup>a</sup>	12.52	365	
1985 <sup>f</sup>	71.6	2239	.032	4763	47.0	3.8 <sup>a</sup>	2.927	38.2 <sup>a</sup>	13.05	365	
1986 <sup>f</sup>	72.5	2267	.032	4928	46.0	5.0 <sup>a</sup>	3.073	41.5 <sup>a</sup>	13.50	365	
1987 <sup>f</sup>	75.7	2367	.032	5260	45.0	7.5 <sup>a</sup>	3.304	47.6 <sup>a</sup>	14.41	365	
1988 <sup>f</sup>	79.3	2479	.032	5612	44.0	12.6 <sup>a</sup>	3.720	57.0 <sup>a</sup>	15.43	365	
1989 <sup>f</sup>	80.8	2524	.032	5869	43.0	12.5 <sup>a</sup>	4.185	67.5 <sup>a</sup>	16.08	365	
1990 <sup>f</sup>	82.9	2591	.032	6169	42.0	4.9 <sup>a</sup>	4.390	74.2 <sup>a</sup>	16.90	365	

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterborne Commerce of the United States, Part 2.

<sup>2</sup>U.S. Department of Agriculture, Grain and Feed Market News.

<sup>3</sup>Data Resources, Inc., U.S. Long Term Review, Winter 1983-1984, p. 11-27. (Exports of goods: Foods, Feeds, and Beverages [FFB]).

<sup>a</sup>Ibid., p. 11-25.

<sup>b</sup>Ibid., p. 1-87. Cyclolong 1283.

<sup>c</sup>Ibid., p. 1-85.

<sup>f</sup> - Forecasted

Column 4. Total U.S. grain exports from all coastal areas were also found in USDA's Grain and Feed Market News.

Column 5. The percent of Mississippi River Gulf Coast grain exports compared to total U.S. grain exports was calculated by dividing Mississippi River exports of Column 2 by total U.S. exports in Column 4.

Column 6. In DRI's Long Term Review, historical annual changes in a unit value index for exports of Foods, Feeds, and Beverages (FFB) were found. The base year was established in 1967. The percentages of change for each successive year is then shown.

Column 7. Beginning with an index value of 1.0, the percentages of change in Column 6 were multiplied by the previous year's index in Column 7 value to determine each year's actual value.

Column 8. The total value of FFB exports in current dollars for each year were also found in DRI's history tables.

Column 9. In order to eliminate variations caused by annual changes of average unit costs for bushels of grain, current export values in Column 8 were divided by the unit value indexes of Column 7 to give a new measure of food volume exported in each year.

Column 10. The volume index in Column 9 was divided into the total U.S. grain exports in Column 4 to obtain a volume explanatory factor.

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Column 10. An average of the volume explanatory factor was calculated at 365 and applied to all forecast years.

Column 9. The forecasts of the export volume index were calculated by dividing the forecasts of FFB exports in Column 8 by the unit value index in Column 7.

Column 8. Forecasts of FFB exports in current dollars were found in DRI's U.S. Long Term Review.

Column 7. The unit index of FFB exports by volume were calculated by multiplying the previous year's index in Column 7 by the percentages of change in Column 6.

Column 6. Forecasts of FFB percentages of value changes were also in DRI's U.S. Long Term Review.

Column 5. Estimates of share of Mississippi River exports as a percentage of national exports were made for future years. The share is estimated to drop from 50 percent in 1983 to 42 percent in 1990.

Column 4. The forecasts for total U.S. grain exports were calculated by multiplying the export volume index of Column 9 by the volume explanatory factor of Column 10.

Column 3. The export share explanatory factor of Mississippi River traffic was averaged and applied to all forecast years.

Column 2. The forecasted amounts of Mississippi River Gulf exports were calculated by multiplying the Mississippi River percent of U.S. exports in Column 5 by the total U.S. exports in Column 4.

Column 1. The Mississippi River grain movement forecasts were then finally determined by multiplying the Mississippi River Gulf exports in Column 2 by the explanatory factor in Column 3.

**Appendix G**

**FORECAST OF BARGE TRANSPORTATION DEMAND BY COMMODITY**

## Appendix G

### FORECAST OF BARGE TRANSPORTATION DEMAND BY COMMODITY

#### GRAIN FORECAST

Because the inland waterways industry transports more ton-miles per year of grain than any other commodity, the grain forecast is the largest and most important component of the industry's forecast. Although more tons of coal per year move through the inland waterways, grain represents more ton-miles because of the longer average trips of grain cargoes.

The category grain is composed of corn, wheat, soybeans, prepared animal feeds, and grain mill products, but this forecast analyzes it as an aggregate of these commodities.

#### Summary Forecast

Figure G-1 summarizes the historical and forecast traffic for grain. Note that this forecast provides more than one possible outcome. The reasons are: the barge services' rate levels are a question mark, and equally uncertain is the barge industry's ability to compete for the grain market.

To reflect these uncertainties, two outcomes are forecast. The base case assumes that the rates recover and the barge share of total U.S. exports declines from its 1983 peak (50 percent of all U.S. exports) to a 1990 share of 42 percent. The second case is a high-traffic scenario, in which the rivers' share of U.S. exports remains at a constant 50 percent. The outcome would be increased traffic but severely depressed rates. This high-traffic forecast is presented in parentheses in Figure G-1 and was not used in the example forecast of total traffic that was shown in Figure F-2.

The figure's Column 1 presents the historical and forecast grain traffic on the Mississippi River System. After the traffic rose dramatically from 23.9 million short tons in 1970, it peaked at 73.8 million tons in 1982. Under a scenario of rising rates and reduced river share of national exports (the base case), the forecast calls for a slow decline, followed by a slow increase from a low of 70.2 million tons in 1984 to 82.9 million tons in 1990.

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GRAIN

1 Mississippi River System Grain Movements, (millions of short tons)	2 Mississippi River Gulf Exports <sup>2</sup> (millions of bushels)	3 Gulf Export Share of MRS Traffic Explanatory Factor	4 Total U.S. Grain Exports <sup>2</sup> (millions of bushels)	5 (244) Mississippi River Exports as Percent U.S. Exports (\$)	6 FFB Percent Value Change <sup>3</sup> 1967 = 100	7 DRI Unit Index of FFB Export by Volume	8 DRI FFB Exports <sup>4</sup> (billions of current \$)	9 (847) Export Volume Index	10 (449) Volume Explanatory Factor
1970 23.9	684.0	.0349	1826.2	37.5	3.4	.999	5.9	5.91	309.0
1971 24.6	655.6	.0307	1705.7	37.3	6.9	1.068	6.1	5.72	298.2
1972 30.9	957.0	.0224	2318.8	41.3	4.1	1.112	7.5	6.74	344.0
1973 32.2	1172.7	.0275	3511.9	33.4	56.3	1.738	15.1	8.69	404.1
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1975 39.4	1165.4	.0328	3159.4	36.9	5.1	2.319	19.1	8.24	383.4
1976 48.8	1518.7	.0322	3560.5	42.5	-9.2	2.106	19.7	9.35	380.8
1977 46.8	1486.8	.0315	3367.4	44.2	-0.3	2.100	19.6	9.35	360.9
1978 55.0	1645.2	.0334	4197.2	39.2	5.1	2.207	25.0	11.33	370.5
1979 54.7	1750.4	.0313	4561.6	38.4	11.9	2.469	29.6	11.99	380.5
1980 64.4	1947.1	.0331	4929.8	39.5	5.8	2.613	35.3	15.51	367.1
1981 66.3	2097.1	.0317	4790.9	42.3	5.0	2.742	37.9	13.82	357.5
1982 73.8	2284.5	.0323	4757.9	48.3	-11.9	2.417	31.4	12.95	367.4
1983 <sup>f</sup> 73.1 (73.1) <sup>c</sup>	2283 (2283) <sup>c</sup>	.032	4564	50.0 (50.0) <sup>c</sup>	2.8	2.509	31.5	12.51	365
1984F 70.2 (73.1)	2194 (2285)	.032	4570	48.0 (50.0)	12.4	2.820	35.5	12.52	365
1985F 71.6 (76.2)	2239 (2382)	.032	4763	47.0 (50.0)	3.6	2.927	38.5	13.05	365
1986F 72.5 (78.8)	2267 (2464)	.032	4928	46.0 (50.0)	5.0 <sup>d</sup>	3.073	41.5	13.50	365
1987F 75.7 (84.2)	2367 (2630)	.032	5260	45.0 (50.0)	7.5	3.304	47.5	14.41	365
1988F 79.3 (90.1)	2479 (2816)	.032	5632	44.0 (50.0)	12.6 <sup>e</sup>	3.720	57.5	15.43	365
1989F 80.8 (93.9)	2524 (2935)	.032	5869	43.0 (50.0)	12.5 <sup>e</sup>	4.185	67.5	16.08	365
1990F 82.9 (96.7)	2591 (3085)	.032	6169	42.0 (50.0)	4.9 <sup>e</sup>	4.390	74.5	16.90	365

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterborne Commerce of the United States, Part 2.

<sup>2</sup>U.S. Department of Agriculture, Grain and Feed Market News.

<sup>3</sup>Data Resources, Inc., U.S. Long Term Review, Winter 1983-1984, p. 11-27. (Exports of goods: Fruits, Feeds, and Beverages (FFB)).

<sup>4</sup>Ibid., p. 11-25.

<sup>b</sup>Ibid., p. 1.87. Cyclelong 1283.

<sup>c</sup>Ibid., p. 1.85.

<sup>d</sup>Numbers in parentheses represent forecast of constant 50 percent share of total U.S. grain exports at Mississippi River Gulf ports.

<sup>e</sup> - Forecasted

Under the alternative scenario (of a constant 50 percent for U.S. export share), the forecast projects a faster increase in tonnage to 98.7 million short tons in 1990.

The relationship between the Mississippi River System's agricultural traffic and total exports from Mississippi River served Gulf ports has been relatively close throughout the 13 years of historical data.

The percentage of Mississippi River Gulf port's export grain tonnage share versus the total of U.S. grain exports shows variations in Column 5 between 33.4 percent in 1973 to an all-time high of 53 percent in 1983. These shares reflect a developing transportation infrastructure and fluctuating barge rates that can increase or decrease the competitiveness of barge transportation from the grain belt, thus making direct rail delivery to Atlantic, Gulf, Pacific, and Great Lakes ports more or less attractive.

The year-to-year changes in agricultural prices forecast by DRI in Column 6 show that in certain years, such as 1973 and 1974, sharp price increases occurred. In other years, smaller increases and even decreases have been evident. DRI's cumulative changes in value, calculated by altering a 1967 index of 1.0 for the year-to-year price changes, in Column 7, show that slight increases in prices are forecast for the remainder of the 1980s.

Column 9's volumes were derived from a combination of Column 8's values and Column 6's information. To check the data's reliability, the actual U.S. exports for 1970-1982 were divided by the imputed volumes (Column 9). With a few exceptions (which may in fact reflect changes in the composition of exports) the relationships have been fairly close, particularly for 1974-1982. On this basis, exports were projected (presented in Column 4), by multiplying the DRI volume index by an explanatory factor of 365, which was developed in Column 10. This shows a very gradual increase in U.S. exports for 1983-1990.

Figure IV-1 is the basic working document for assessing grain traffic to 1990. In addition to this document, managers and planners should seek other solid data for analyzing year-to-year changes. The numerous figures that follow are good places to start.

Figure G-2  
**GRAIN<sup>1</sup> INSPECTED FOR EXPORT BY REGION**  
 1970-1982  
 1,000 bushels  
*(figures in parentheses are regional shares of total)*

Year	Lakes	Atlantic	Gulf			Total Gulf	Pacific	Total
			Mississippi River	Mobile and East Gulf	North Texas Gulf			
1970	319,529 (17)	102,354 (6)	683,973 (37)	37,442 (2)	344,142 (19)	81,584 (4)	1,147,141 (62)	257,217 (14) 1,826,241 (100)
1971	304,298 (18)	94,297 (6)	635,595 (37)	33,254 (2)	381,389 (22)	64,051 (4)	1,114,289 (65)	192,781 (11) 1,705,665 (100)
1972	336,871 (15)	226,920 (10)	957,034 (41)	62,548 (3)	387,740 (17)	93,706 (4)	1,501,028 (65)	253,944 (11) 2,318,813 (100)
1973	474,670 (14)	389,091 (11)	1,172,672 (33)	122,110 (3)	764,959 (22)	190,426 (5)	2,250,167 (64)	397,954 (11) 3,511,882 (100)
1974	271,917 (9)	362,410 (13)	1,135,813 (39)	81,871 (3)	525,567 (18)	141,682 (5)	1,884,933 (65)	360,869 (13) 2,880,129 (100)
1975	320,444 (10)	430,836 (14)	1,165,418 (37)	119,566 (4)	582,661 (18)	174,162 (5)	2,041,807 (65)	366,361 (12) 3,159,448 (100)
1976	309,063 (9)	534,495 (15)	1,514,749 (43)	149,518 (4)	520,752 (15)	139,006 (6)	2,329,025 (65)	387,887 (11) 3,560,470 (100)
1977	366,102 (11)	462,066 (14)	1,486,776 (44)	99,808 (3)	514,318 (15)	121,566 (4)	2,222,468 (66)	316,757 (9) 3,367,393 (100)
1978	554,963 (13)	507,763 (15)	1,645,207 (34)	189,982 (5)	616,194 (15)	165,913 (4)	2,617,296 (62)	517,143 (12) 4,197,165 (100)
1979	507,500 (11)	585,742 (12)	1,750,409 (38)	174,628 (4)	696,038 (15)	158,322 (3)	2,779,397 (61)	689,133 (15) 4,561,772 (100)
1980	573,373 (12)	528,809 (13)	1,947,061 (39)	188,460 (4)	669,987 (14)	104,137 (2)	2,909,645 (59)	917,925 (19) 4,929,752 (100)
1981	491,748 (10)	516,614 (11)	2,092,131 (42)	127,308 (3)	736,765 (15)	78,162 (2)	3,034,366 (61)	898,207 (18) 4,940,935 (100)
1982	391,195 (8)	606,384 (10)	2,284,534 (48)	94,874 (3)	690,485 (15)	49,386 (1)	3,119,279 (66)	628,345 (13) 4,757,932 (100)
1983	346,923 (6)	376,380 (13)	2,192,837 (53)	34,437 (1)	662,305 (16)	54,013 (1)	3,928,279 (71)	583,939 (14) 4,126,854 (100)

<sup>1</sup>Wheat, corn, sorghum, soybean, and all other (including sunflower seeds for 1980-1981).

Source: USDA Grain Market News; Agricultural Marketing Service/Federal Government Inspection Service.

Figure G-3  
**WORLD GRAIN EXPORTS**  
(millions of metric tons)

Year	U.S.	Canada	Argentina	Australia	Other	Total	U.S. Share in Percent
1970	29.7	13.8	7.8	8.5	13.5	73.2	40.5%
1971	28.4	17.1	7.0	10.7	12.6	75.8	37.5
1972	43.2	18.3	4.1	9.1	14.3	89.0	48.5
1973	92.9	15.6	9.0	5.1	16.9	139.4	66.6
1974	77.7	13.0	9.3	9.6	20.1	129.7	59.9
1975	83.8	14.9	7.7	11.6	19.2	137.2	61.1
1976	92.1	15.3	8.1	11.9	19.0	146.4	62.9
1977	87.7	17.4	14.8	16.6	14.8	147.3	59.5
1978	110.3	18.6	13.6	9.6	17.3	169.3	65.2
1979	120.2	16.0	15.0	14.5	16.4	182.2	66.0
1980	128.3	20.8	11.7	16.2	21.1	198.1	64.8
1981	128.8	21.5	20.1	11.6	23.8	205.9	62.6
1982	121.2	25.7	16.2	15.5	21.1	200.0	60.6
1983e	119.6	18.7	18.2e	15.5e	21.0e	193.0e	62.0e

E = Estimated.

Source: Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation Maritime Statistics and Fearnley and Egers World Bulk Trades and Review.

### Grain Exports

Figure G-2 provides a historical overview of grains that were inspected for export. World grain exports (in metric tons) are presented in Figure G-3. The figure shows that the United States has faced sharp competition from Canada, Argentina, Australia, and other nations. Although the United States' share continues to far outstrip the rest, dramatic improvements are unlikely.

Figure G-4 shows U.S. grain exports by world area destinations. It suggests that the westbound trade from Pacific, Gulf, and Atlantic ports to nations in the Pacific Rim is both more resilient and stable than the eastbound trade to the United Kingdom, Mediterranean, Eastern Europe, Africa, and the Americas.

For example, the United States' eastbound exports have been severely hampered by the declining Eastern European commerce, which fell from a high of 27 million metric tons (1979) to a low of 15 million (1982). Eastbound shipments to the United States and Europe stagnated at 20 million metric tons and then gradually declined through 1982. In addition, the world's neediest areas, India and Africa, are unlikely to increase their imports because of economic constraints. As for westbound traffic, its stability is shown by the case of the Japanese imports of American grain, which should remain around 20-23 million metric tons.

### Information Sources

Figure G-5 provides one example of publicly available information. The CofE publication discloses the major grain trade routes for corn, soybeans, wheat, and grain mill products for selected years during 1970-1981. Tonnage for origin and destination pairs are shown.

In general, the greatest amount of inland transportation industry data are available for agricultural commodities. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and private companies generate hourly grain quotations and daily barge rates, grain transportation, sales, and inspection data, as well as weekly and monthly statistics. This strategic forecast has not used these for presentation to the industry, but they can provide additional timely information on the mechanics and forces of the grain transportation industry. Barge operators should analyze this information regularly.

Figure G-4  
U.S. GRAIN EXPORTS BY WORLD AREAS  
1970-1981  
(in thousand metric tons)

Year	Continent	Eastbound						Westbound						Other			Totals			Other			Totals		Percent Eastbound		Percent Westbound		
		UK/Mediterranean		Eastern Europe		Africa		Americas		Subtotal		Near East		Indian Ocean		Japan		Other far East		Subtotal		Not Specified		Total tons		Percent Eastbound		Percent Westbound	
		UK	Mediterranean	Eastern Europe	Other Europe	Africa	Americas					Near East		Indian Ocean		Japan		Other far East		Subtotal		Not Specified		Total tons		Percent Eastbound		Percent Westbound	
1970	7,332	2,482	564	915	1,284	2,577	15,154	724	3,516	9,829	-2	14,069	482	29,705	51.0%	51.0%	47.4%	47.4%	47.4%	47.4%	47.4%	47.4%	59.6	59.6	37.6	37.6	37.6	37.6	
1971	6,913	3,074	1,430	1,120	1,285	3,120	16,942	680	2,248	7,782	-	10,710	796	28,449	59.6	59.6	63.6	63.6	63.6	63.6	63.6	63.6	41,250	41,250	50.5	50.5	50.5	50.5	
1972	7,934	4,386	7,975	1,376	1,437	4,205	27,513	513	2,667	6,097	4,079	13,356	2,361	41,250	56.4	56.4	55.3	55.3	55.3	55.3	55.3	55.3	73,488	73,488	77.6	77.6	77.6	77.6	
1973	9,630	6,540	14,306	2,300	2,067	6,632	41,476	666	3,718	10,748	9,373	24,505	7,507	29,802	7,789	7,789	7,684	7,684	7,684	7,684	7,684	7,684	51.6	51.6	58.4	58.4	58.4	58.4	
1974	15,026	8,015	4,281	2,159	2,861	7,760	40,102	1,625	5,157	14,756	13,172	5,400	13,172	7,146	27,988	83,776	83,776	4,032	4,032	4,032	4,032	4,032	4,032	61.8	61.8	53.4	53.4	53.4	53.4
1975	17,791	8,096	9,995	3,915	3,656	8,303	51,756	2,270	7,146	5,400	5,400	6,216	6,216	28,945	2,959	92,089	92,089	65.4	65.4	65.4	65.4	65.4	65.4	31.4	31.4	31.4	31.4	31.4	31.4
1976	21,798	8,329	16,056	2,718	4,502	6,782	60,185	2,027	5,468	15,234	15,234	7,391	7,391	3,213	3,213	87,703	87,703	63.1	63.1	63.1	63.1	63.1	63.1	33.2	33.2	33.2	33.2	33.2	33.2
1977	20,376	7,239	10,130	4,099	4,908	8,674	55,377	2,900	2,612	17,010	17,010	7,391	7,391	3,213	3,213	87,703	87,703	63.1	63.1	63.1	63.1	63.1	63.1	33.2	33.2	33.2	33.2	33.2	33.2
1978	19,899	8,852	18,513	3,342	7,685	13,191	71,482	2,367	4,560	18,004	12,442	37,373	37,373	1,396	1,396	110,251	110,251	64.8	64.8	64.8	64.8	64.8	64.8	33.9	33.9	33.9	33.9	33.9	33.9
1979	20,539	9,996	27,013	3,593	5,974	12,027	79,142	2,333	2,682	19,485	15,316	39,876	39,876	1,209	1,209	120,227	120,227	65.8	65.8	65.8	65.8	65.8	65.8	35.2	35.2	35.2	35.2	35.2	35.2
1980	16,968	12,174	16,610	4,597	6,516	20,670	77,535	2,358	2,257	23,255	20,658	48,528	48,528	2,270	2,270	128,553	128,553	60.4	60.4	60.4	60.4	60.4	60.4	37.8	37.8	37.8	37.8	37.8	37.8
1981	16,972	13,322	17,040	5,316	9,167	17,806	79,623	3,078	3,561	22,579	19,208	48,426	48,426	791	791	128,840	128,840	61.8	61.8	61.8	61.8	61.8	61.8	37.6	37.6	37.6	37.6	37.6	37.6
1982	16,908	14,119	15,011	5,118	7,996	12,614	71,766	3,364	3,168	20,581	21,941	49,034	49,034	465	465	121,205	121,205	59.2	59.2	59.2	59.2	59.2	59.2	40.8	40.8	40.8	40.8	40.8	40.8

<sup>1</sup>U.S.S.R. included in Eastern Europe.

<sup>2</sup>All far east assigned to Japan in 1970 and 1971.

Source: OECD Maritime Transport (through 1981) original data compiled by Seafarley and Eggers.

Figure G-5

MAJOR TRADE PATTERNS FOR  
MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM GRAIN MOVEMENTS

(millions of tons carried)

1970	1975	1980	1981	From	To
Corn					
1.8	4.0	10.8	11.5	MISS-MN2MD	MISS-BR2ND
2.8	5.9	9.3	9.7	ILL	MISS-BR2ND
0.8	2.7	2.6	2.5	MISS-MN2MD	MISS-N02MP
1.4	3.6	1.9	1.5	ILL	MISS-N02MP
0.1	0.5	1.4	1.5	OH-LOUD	MISS-BR2ND
0.1	0.1	0.5	0.8	MISS-MD2OH	MISS-BR2ND
0.7	0.5	0.7	0.7	MIN	MISS-BR2ND
3.4	2.9	3.1	4.4	All Other	All Other
11.2	20.2	30.3	31.1	Total	Total
Soybean					
1.4	1.3	3.5	2.6	MISS-MN2MD	MISS-BR2ND
0.8	1.1	2.0	2.1	ILL	MISS-BR2ND
1.1	1.2	2.2	1.3	MISS-OM2BR	MISS-BR2ND
0.1	0.4	1.2	1.2	OH-LOUD	MISS-BR2ND
0.4	0.8	0.5	0.8	MISS-MN2MD	MISS-N02MP
0.4	0.6	0.4	0.7	ILL	MISS-N02MP
0.2	0.2	0.7	0.7	MISS-MD2OH	MISS-BR2ND
0.4	0.6	0.6	0.7	MISS-OH2BR	MISS-N02MP
3.1	2.7	4.4	4.7	All Other	All Other
7.9	8.9	15.5	14.8	Total	Total
Wheat					
0.1	0.1	0.4	0.7	MISS-OH2BR	MISS-N02MP
0.1	0.3	0.7	1.3	MISS-OH2BR	MISS-BR2ND
-	-	0.5	0.8	MISS-MD2OH	MISS-N02MP
-	0.1	0.5	0.5	MISS-MD2OH	MISS-BR2ND
0.2	0.6	0.7	0.7	MISS-MN2MD	MISS-N02MP
0.1	0.6	0.8	1.1	MISS-MN2MD	MISS-BR2ND
-	0.3	0.3	0.5	OH-LOUD	MISS-N02MP
2.0	4.0	3.4	4.9	All Other	All Other
2.5	5.9	7.3	10.5	Total	Total
Other Grains					
-	-	0.1	0.1	MISS-OH2BR	MISS-N02MP
-	-	0.4	0.7	MISS-OH2BR	MISS-BR2ND
-	-	0.1	0.1	ARK	MISS-BR2ND
-	-	-	0.2	WOLF	MISS-BR2ND
-	-	-	0.1	OH-LOUD	MISS-BR2ND
0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4	All Other	All Other
0.5	0.3	0.9	1.6	Total	Total

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterborne Commerce of the United States, Part 5.

COAL

Coal is the largest commodity moving on the inland river system in terms of tonnage, with grain exceeding coal in ton-miles. Figure G-6 provides an overview for 1980-1990. Columns 1 through 5 of this exhibit summarize the composition of exports from the river and Column 4 presents the total Mississippi River System traffic. Column 5 traces the domestic inland traffic net of exports, showing the relative stability of domestic traffic by excluding the volatile and rapid development of the export coal market in 1980 and 1981.

The figure shows that coal tonnage for the system peaked in 1981 at 130 million short tons and declined to a low of an estimated 119 million in 1983. The forecast shows that the system will recover from its currently depressed state over the remainder of the decade, so that by 1990 the traffic should reach its 1981 level, thanks to greater coal exports. By contrast, the projection for domestic coal movements to domestic consumers shows both stable and fluctuating levels of traffic that reflect the gradually increasing domestic coal consumption in the wake of the loss of coke and coal traffic and certain utility coal traffic.

Domestic and Export Trends

Although many industry-watchers assumed that the utilities' increased coal consumption would bring prosperity to the inland industry, the coal commerce patterns of the 1970s suggests that the river system may not benefit from growth in U.S. coal consumption. The reasons are twofold: first, the river system operates in a mature industrialized region that traditionally relied on coal to produce electricity, so that the level of coal demand should be unchanged. Second, in addition to serving the utility market, the inland waterway industry provided coke and coal to steel mills, which are now declining markets because of the domestic steel industry's overall malaise.

The influential role of export coal in 1980-1981 is evident, because total export levels from the Mississippi broke the record of 1.5 million tons for 1975-1979. Exports peaked in 1981 at 13.6 million tons. After 1981, traffic declined sharply both in New Orleans and Baton Rouge. Nonetheless, increased exports were projected on the assumption that even as metallurgical coal exports declined, steam coal exports from the United States to Scandinavian and Mediterranean nations will see some recovery,

once the deep draft in topping off schemes get working. However, if export coal levels do not recover along with the projected economic recovery of Europe, then the system's traffic levels will probably stagnate at 120 million tons.

#### Domestic Consumption

Columns 7 and 8 of Figure G-6 present the relationships between domestic traffic going to domestic consumers and the U.S.'s total consumption. In 1970-1972, approximately one ton in five that was consumed in the United States moved by barge. By 1982, this ratio had fallen to one ton in 6.3. This trend is forecast to continue, so that by 1990 only one ton in 7.1 will move to its domestic consumer by Mississippi System barge. Column 8 refines the historical ratio and carries it into the future, using a three-year rolling average.

Column 9 of this exhibit summarizes the behavior of one component of domestic consumption that moves by barge. This component is the movement of coal by inland barge to lower Mississippi ports for transloading and shipment by ocean barge to utilities in Tampa and elsewhere. As Column 9 indicates, this trade has remained relatively stable. Although the inland barge industry has won some new contracts for moving Florida-bound coal from the Ohio River to points on the Gulf Intercoastal Waterway, this will probably be offset by competition from low-cost Colombian coal, which should displace U.S. suppliers at Florida ports at some point in the 1980s. Whenever the Colombian competition gains a foothold, it is likely that the inland barge traffic levels will not stagnate.

Figure G-7 presents the historical and forecast data for U.S. coal consumption. The information covers 1970-1983 on an actual basis and is forecast through 1990. The composition of coal consumption should remain constant, with electrical utility coal slowly increasing through the end of the decade, coal plant activity recovering from its 1982 low, but coke demand not reaching the levels achieved before 1982. In addition, other industrial, residential, and commercial coal demand will probably remain stable because of stable or slowly increasing real prices of petroleum.

Figure G-6  
MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST  
COAL  
(millions of tons)

Year	Exports <sup>1</sup>			Mississippi River System Traffic <sup>1</sup> (millions of tons)			Domestic Inland Net of Exports (4-3)			Total U.S. Coal Consumption <sup>1</sup>			Explanatory Factors (5+6)			Domestic Inland Rolling Average of Col. 7			Explanatory Variable Three-Year Rolling Average of Col. 7			Domestic Coastwise Coal Shipments from Mississippi River Terminals <sup>1</sup>			
	New Orleans	Baton Rouge	Total																						
1970	0.3	0.0	0.3		102.0		101.7		515		.197		.200		.200		.194		.194		.200		.200		.3.7
1971	0.7	0.0	0.7		96.7		96.0		494		.194		.200		.200		.195		.195		.200		.200		3.5
1972	0.8	0.0	0.8		108.7		107.9		520		.208		.195		.195		.184		.184		.194		.194		3.6
1973	0.7	0.0	0.7		104.1		103.4		563		.184		.194		.194		.184		.184		.194		.194		3.6
1974	0.9	0.0	0.9		106.4		105.5		598		.189		.192		.192		.192		.192		.192		.192		3.5
1975	1.2	0.0	1.2		115.7		114.5		563		.203		.194		.194		.194		.194		.194		.194		3.1
1976	1.1	0.0	1.1		116.4		115.3		604		.191		.193		.193		.191		.191		.193		.193		2.7
1977	1.3	0.0	1.3		117.6		116.3		625		.186		.181		.181		.186		.186		.181		.181		2.9
1978	1.4	0.0	1.4		106.0		104.6		625		.167		.176		.176		.176		.176		.176		.176		2.9
1979	1.4	0.1	1.5		121.4		119.9		681		.176		.171		.171		.176		.176		.171		.171		2.7
1980	3.5	0.4	3.9		123.0		119.1		703		.169		.168		.168		.169		.169		.168		.168		2.9
1981	7.6	6.0	13.6		130.6		117.0		733		.160		.163		.163		.160		.160		.163		.163		3.6
1982	4.3	2.3	7.4		121.2		113.1		707		.160		.160		.160		.160		.160		.160		.160		N/A
1983F	2.7	2.0	4.7		118.9		114.2		757		.154		.155		.155		.154		.154		.155		.155		-
1984F	-	-	7.8		122.1		114.3		762A		.150		.150		.150		.150		.150		.150		.150		-
1985F	-	-	7.7		121.6		113.9		780A		.146		.146		.146		.146		.146		.146		.146		-
1986F	-	-	11.7		123.0		111.3		784A		.141		.142		.142		.141		.141		.142		.142		-
1990F	-	-	17.7		127.0		109.3		781A		.140		.140		.140		.140		.140		.140		.140		-

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterborne Commerce of the United States.  
2Department of Energy, Monthly Energy Review.

E = Estimated

F = Forecasted

A = Forecast from Figure G-7

Part 2.

Figure G-7  
U.S. COAL CONSUMPTION BY USERS AND FORECAST  
1970-1990  
(in thousand short tons)

Year	Electric Utility		Coke Plants		Other Industrial		Residential and Commercial		Total
	Tons	Percent (%)	Tons	Percent (%)	Tons	Percent (%)	Tons	Percent (%)	
1970	319,000	61.9	95,600	18.6	88,400	17.2	12,000	2.3	515,000
1971	326,000	66.0	83,200	16.8	73,800	14.9	11,000	2.2	494,000
1972	352,000	67.7	87,700	16.9	71,300	13.7	9,000	1.7	520,000
1973	389,212	69.2	94,101	16.7	68,154	12.1	11,117	2.0	562,584
1974	391,811	70.2	90,191	16.2	64,983	11.6	11,417	2.0	558,402
1975	405,962	72.2	83,598	14.9	63,670	11.3	9,410	1.7	562,641
1976	448,371	74.3	84,704	14.0	61,799	10.2	8,916	1.5	603,790
1977	477,126	76.3	77,739	12.4	61,472	9.8	8,954	1.4	625,291
1978	481,235	77.0	71,394	11.4	63,085	10.1	9,511	1.5	625,225
1979	527,051	77.4	77,368	11.4	67,717	10.0	8,388	1.2	680,524
1980	569,274	81.0	66,657	9.5	60,347	8.6	6,451	0.9	702,730
1981	596,797	81.5	61,014	8.3	67,395	9.2	7,421	1.0	732,627
1982	593,666	84.0	40,908	5.8	64,097	9.1	8,240	1.2	706,911
1983	625,211	84.9	43,800	5.9	65,980	9.0	8,448	1.1	736,672
1984F	632,500	82.9	49,500	7.2	67,000	8.8	8,000	1.1	757,000
1985F	643,900	82.5	53,000	7.5	70,000	9.0	8,000	1.0	774,900
1986F	645,700	82.3	54,500	7.7	70,000	8.9	8,000	1.0	778,200
1990F	644,100	82.4	59,500	7.6	70,000	9.0	8,000	1.0	781,200

F = Forecast

Source: DOE Monthly Energy Review; Energy Information Administration (1970-1983).  
TBS analysis of Data Resources Inc. data (1984-1990).

### Coal Indicators

As background information for the inland barge industry, this Appendix provides several key coal indicators. Figure G-8 summarizes the U.S. coal industry for 1970-1983. Domestic production peaked in 1982 at 838 million tons, declining to 784 million tons in 1983. Exports grew steadily between 1978-1981 from 41 to 113 million short tons, while stocks fluctuated by as much as 100 million tons, ranging between a low of about 63 days in late 1974 and a high of 106 days in late 1980. Stocks of coal will continue to fluctuate with every new United Mine Workers agreement and each export contract.

Figure G-9 examines the composition of U.S. electrical generation by primary energy source, showing coal's historical high of 54.5 percent of the total kilowatts generated in 1983. Coal generation is forecast to remain stable over the rest of the decade. By contrast, petroleum generation should grow although petroleum's performance will be significantly below its percentage and absolute volume of kilowatts generated during the late 1970s. This reflects the maturity of the coal generating power plant inventory and the utilities' use of petroleum and alternative sources of power to meet the forecasted, slowly increasing demand for electric power.

Figure G-10 examines coal's efficiency in producing electricity. Since 1977, the industry has produced approximately 2,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per ton of coal. It is assumed that this level will continue through the end of the 1980s.

Figure G-11 examines the roles of coke and coal in domestic steel production. The tonnage of coke and coal required declined sharply, from .7 coking tons per production ton in 1970 to .48 in 1983. The reasons are: (1) the increased use of more modern furnaces, (2) the introduction of regional electric furnaces, and (3) the steel industry's reliance on the most efficient, lowest cost mills during the recent recession.

For the remainder the 1980s, it is assumed that the rate of consumption will stay at a half ton of coking coal per ton of steel production. Column 4 of Figure G-11 presents the DRI forecast index of steel production and compares it to that of the Statistical Abstract of the United States. Since the two sources are very close, clearly the DRI index has an enviable track record, and should be a worthwhile resource.

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Figure G-8

SUMMARY OF U.S. COAL SITUATION

1970-1983

(in thousand short tons)

Year	Production	Domestic Consumption	Imports	Exports	Export Percentage of Production	Stocks	Days <sup>1</sup> Stock
1970	613,000	515,000	36	71,000	11.6	NA	NA
1971	561,000	494,000	111	57,000	10.2	NA	NA
1972	602,492	520,000	--	55,997	9.3	117,442	82
1973	598,568	562,584	127	53,587	9.0	104,335	68
1974	610,023	558,402	2,080	60,661	9.9	96,323	63
1975	654,641	562,641	940	66,309	10.1	128,050	83
1976	684,913	603,790	1,203	60,021	8.8	134,438	81
1977	697,205	625,291	1,647	54,312	7.8	157,098	92
1978	670,164	625,225	2,953	40,714	6.1	145,551	85
1979	781,134	680,524	2,059	66,042	8.5	181,646	97
1980	829,700	702,730	1,194	91,742	11.1	204,028	106
1981	823,775	732,627	1,043	112,541	13.7	185,274	92
1982	838,112	706,911	742	106,277	12.8	195,254	101
1983	784,865	736,672	1,271	77,772	9.3	168,654	84

Source: Department of Energy, Monthly Energy Review.

Figure G-9

ELECTRICITY GENERATION BY PRIMARY ENERGY SOURCES  
U.S. HISTORY AND FORECAST

1970-1990

(million kilowatt-hours)

Year	Coal	Petroleum	Other	JQIND49&G All Fuel Total	Coal <sup>1</sup> Percentage (%)	Petroleum <sup>2</sup> Percentage (%)
1973	847,651	314,343	698,716	1,860,710	45.6%	16.9
1974	828,433	300,931	737,776	1,867,140	44.4	16.1
1975	852,786	289,095	775,768	1,917,649	44.5	15.1
1976	944,391	319,988	773,317	2,037,696	46.3	15.7
1977	985,219	358,179	780,925	2,124,323	46.4	16.9
1978	975,742	365,060	865,529	2,206,331	44.2	16.5
1979	1,075,037	303,525	868,810	2,247,372	47.8	13.5
1980	1,161,562	245,994	878,883	2,286,439	50.8	10.8
1981	1,203,203	206,421	885,188	2,294,812	52.4	9.0
1982	1,192,004	146,797	902,410	2,241,211	51.8	6.4
1983	1,259,424	144,499	906,362	2,310,285	54.5	6.3
1984F	1,265,049	146,987	997,583	2,407,619	52.5	6.1
1985F	1,287,731	145,270	1,029,199	2,462,200	52.3	5.9
1986F	1,291,400	135,151	1,076,249	2,502,800	51.6	5.4
1990F	1,288,161	194,691	1,184,148	2,667,000	48.3	7.3

<sup>1</sup>DRI EUF % COAL.<sup>2</sup>DRI EUF % PET.

F = Forecasted

Source: Coal, Petroleum, and Other Consumption by TBS analysis of DOE Monthly Energy Review, Energy Information Administration (1970-1983).  
JQIND49&G time series from Data Resources Inc. (1984-1990).

Figure G-10

ANALYSIS OF ELECTRIC UTILITY  
COAL CONSUMPTION EFFICIENCY AND FORECAST

Year	Coal Kilowatt-Hours Millions <sup>1</sup>	Coal Tons for Electricity <sup>2</sup>	Kilowatt-Hours Per Ton
1973	847,651	389.2	2,180
1974	828,433	391.8	2,110
1975	852,786	406.0	2,100
1976	944,391	448.4	2,110
1977	985,219	477.1	2,070
1978	975,742	481.2	2,030
1979	1,075,037	527.1	2,040
1980	1,161,562	569.3	2,040
1981	1,203,203	596.8	2,020
1982	1,192,004	593.7	2,010
1983	1,259,424	625.2	2,014
1984F	1,265,049	632.5	2,000
1985F	1,287,731	643.9	2,000
1986F	1,291,400	645.7	2,000
1990F	1,288,161	644.1	2,000

<sup>1</sup>Source: Figure G-9.

<sup>2</sup>Source: Figure G-7.

F = Forecasted.

Figure G-11

U.S. COKING COAL  
HISTORY AND FORECAST

1 Coking Tons Coal (millions)	2 U.S. Steel <sup>1</sup> Production (millions short)	3 (1+2) Coking Tons per Production Ton	4 DRI Iron <sup>2</sup> and Steel Production Index <sup>1</sup>	5 (2+4) Explanatory Factor
1970	95.6	.132	.72	1.065
1971	83.2	.120	.69	.951
1972	87.7	.133	.66	1.072
1973	94.1	.151	.62	1.231
1974	90.2	.146	.62	1.217
1975	83.6	.117	.71	.967
1976	84.7	.128	.66	1.052
1977	77.7	.125	.62	1.021
1978	71.4	.137	.52	1.140
1979	77.4	.136	.57	1.147
1980	66.7	.112	.60	.945
1981	61.0	.121	.50	1.023
1982	40.9	.74	.55	.622
1983F	43.8	.92	.48	.739
1984F	49.5	.99	.50	.839
1985F	53.0	.106	.50	.897
1986F	54.5	.109	.50	.916
1990F	59.5	.119	.50	1.003

<sup>1</sup>Source: Statistical Abstract of the United States.<sup>2</sup>DRI indicator JQIND331.

F = Forecasted.

### Origins and Destinations

Finally, Figure G-12 presents the summary of coal origins and destinations, drawn from CofE statistics. It identifies the major port piers so that operators can examine both actual traffic and long-term trends.

### CRUDE OIL

Figure G-13 presents the historical and forecast information on crude oil traffic on the Mississippi River System. The figure reveals a close correlation between Mississippi crude oil traffic and the volume of crude oil production in Petroleum Area Defense District III (PADD III), which comprises the Gulf states and their offshore regions. Between 1970-1979 this relationship was extremely close. Since then, however, the demand for river traffic dropped faster than PADD III crude production, primarily because of the increasing use of pipelines to carry crude oil.

The figure shows that PADD III crude production has been declining steadily since 1972, despite the crude oil price increases, deregulation of crude oil prices, and record levels of offshore drilling during the late 1970s. This decline should continue at the rate of approximately five percent a year. The forecasted ratio of barge traffic to PADD III production, which is the average of 1981-1982, will remain constant. Therefore, as production declines, so will the associated barge traffic.

### PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

#### Refinery Overview

To analyze properly the petroleum products trade for the inland waterways, one must examine the nation's energy policy, rate of energy consumption, and other specific indicators. The petroleum products trade is segmented into two major categories: dirty products (residual fuel oil, asphalt, tar, pitch, and crude tars) and clean products (all other basic petroleum fuels).

Figure G-12

MAJOR TRADING PATTERNS FOR MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM COAL MOVEMENT  
(millions of tons)

1970	1975	1980	1981	From	To	Primary	Secondary
22.2	19.2	15.0	12.1	MON	MON	Steel	Utility
0.4	-	2.8	7.7	OH-LOUD	OH-HUND	Utility	Industry
2.8	5.3	6.4	6.1	OH-LOUD	OH-LOUD	Utility	Industry
0.1	-	5.8	6.1	MISS-MO2OH	MISS-OH2BR	Utility	Industry
3.5	1.9	4.8	5.7	OH-HUND	OH-PITD	Steel	Industry
7.3	6.1	7.3	5.5	MON	OH-PITD	Steel	Utility
9.1	8.1	4.9	5.4	GREEN	OH-LOUD	Utility	Industry
4.9	4.5	4.7	4.9	OH-PITD	OH-PITD	Steel	Utility
-	5.7	5.2	4.5	OH-LOUD	CUMB	Utility	Industry
4.9	5.1	4.8	4.4	ILL	CHIC	Utility	Industry
0.6	0.1	4.2	4.2	OH-HUND	OH-LOUD	Utility	Industry
3.2	2.3	3.8	4.1	OH-HUND	MON	Steel	Utility
0.4	0.5	1.2	4.1	OH-LOUD	MISS-N02MP	Export	Utility
3.9	2.1	1.5	3.7	TENN	TENN	Utility	Industry
3.2	2.0	2.8	3.7	KAN	OH-HUND	Utility	Industry
1.4	6.5	2.9	3.2	OH-HUND	OH-HUND	Utility	Industry
3.1	2.8	2.4	2.4	GREEN	MISS-N02MP	Export	--
2.8	2.6	2.5	2.3	MISS-MO2OH	MISS-MN2MO	Utility	Industry
-	1.9	2.5	2.2	OH-PITD	TENN	Utility	Industry
2.6	4.5	2.7	2.1	OH-PITD	OH-HUND	Utility	Industry
-	-	2.8	2.0	MISS-MO2OH	TENN	Utility	Industry
-	0.7	1.4	1.6	OH-LOUD	ESCAM	Utility	--
-	1.9	1.5	1.4	MISS-MN2MO	MISS-MN2MO	Utility	Industry
0.7	1.4	1.3	1.3	OH-PITD	OH-LOUD	Utility	Steel
0.1	0.1	1.4	1.3	KAN	OH-PITD	Steel	Utility
-	-	1.1	1.1	OH-LOUD	WOLF	Utility	Industry
24.8	24.3	25.3	27.5	All Others	All Others	--	--
102.0	115.7	123.0	130.6	Totals			

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterborne Commerce of the United States, Part 5.

Figure G-13

MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST  
CRUDE OIL

Year	1 Mississippi River Crude Oil Traffic (millions of short tons)	2 PADD III Crude Oil Production <sup>2</sup> (millions of BBls)	3 1 + 2 Explanatory Factor <sup>3</sup>
1970	25.8	2375.2	.0109
1971	26.2	2366.7	.0111
1972	29.3	2393.6	.0122
1973	25.1	2313.0	.0109
1974	19.1	2178.8	.0088
1975	21.6	2044.1	.0106
1976	21.1	1967.0	.0107
1977	18.8	1869.5	.0106
1978	20.5	1772.3	.0116
1979	17.6	1662.8	.0106
1980	15.0	1594.3	.0094
1981	13.8	1539.3	.0090
1982	14.0	1558.0	.0090
1983F	13.2	1480	.0090
1984F	12.7	1406	.0090
1985F	12.0	1335	.0090
1986F	11.4	1268	.0090
1987F	10.8	1205	.0090
1988F	10.3	1144	.0090
1989F	9.8	1087	.0090
1990F	9.3	1032	.0090

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterborne Commerce of the United States, Part 2.<sup>2</sup>Source: DOE Monthly Petroleum Supply Annuals to 1982. After 1982, 5% annual decrease forecasted.<sup>3</sup> = Forecasted factor is average of 1981 and 1982.

F = Forecasted.

### Dirty Products

Figure G-14 summarizes the production and transportation of dirty fuels on the Mississippi River System. The traffic increased from 10 million short tons in 1970 to a peak 28 million short tons in 1978. It then declined to 20 million short tons in 1982. This fluctuation mirrored PADD III refinery production. Runs increased to a peak of 2.6 billion barrels per year in 1978 (shown in Column 5). As shown by PADD III production of residual and asphalt products (Column 7), the production of these heavy, dirty-fuels products increased from 96 million barrels in 1970 to 300 million barrels in 1978, before declining by more than one third to 174 million barrels in 1983.

Although the correlation between Mississippi River dirty traffic and PADD III residual and asphalt production has varied, it is a better basis for predicting traffic levels than total refinery activity. It is assumed that crude oil traffic will continue at its current level of 175 million barrels and on this basis forecast the traffic level of 17.5 million tons. Although this is below the historical 1982 level, it reflects the belief that dirty fuel production will decrease, even though overall refinery production will increase.

### Clean Products

Clean products constitute the majority of U.S. and PADD III refinery output. As Figure G-15 shows, during 1970-1983, clean fuels ranged between 68-80 percent of the total refinery runs in PADD III. In recent years, clean fuels have increased from 68 to 74 percent of the total refinery production, as residual oil declined from 10 to 6 percent of the total.

Overall, the composition of refinery activity has remained remarkably stable. Gasoline continues to make up approximately 45 percent of the total production, and distillates (diesel and home heating oil) account for another 20 percent. Jet fuel and kerosene together comprise another nine percent, with all other products (including basic petrochemical feed stocks) remaining fairly constant at about 17 percent.

Because substantial refinery refittings have occurred over the last decade to accommodate the increased volumes of imported crudes, it is unlikely that the composition of refining activity will remain stable.

Figure G-14  
**DRAVO MECHANICAL**  
**MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST**  
**DIRTY PETROLEUM PRODUCTS**  
(thousands of short tons)

Year	Mississippi River System Traffic			PADD III <sup>2</sup> Refinery Runs (million bbls.)	4+5 Explanatory Factor	PADD III <sup>2</sup> Residual and Asphalt Production (million bbls.)	8 4+7 Explanatory Factor
	1 Residual Fuel	2 Asphalt Tar & Pitch	3 Crude Oil & Gas				
1970	6,156	3,128	1,111	10,395	1,825	5.69	96
1971	8,764	3,305	1,367	13,436	1,831	7.34	100
1972	10,022	3,163	1,391	14,576	2,002	7.28	105
1973	11,501	2,929	1,610	16,040	2,098	7.65	129
1974	14,783	3,380	1,898	17,061	2,102	8.12	173
1975	14,025	3,219	1,431	18,675	2,082	8.97	138
1976	17,849	2,694	1,745	22,288	2,308	9.66	215
1977	20,319	2,914	1,124	24,357	2,567	9.56	292
1978	24,067	3,038	992	28,147	2,575	10.93	300
1979	23,052	2,823	1,128	27,003	2,533	10.66	295
1980	20,853	2,131	867	23,851	2,372	10.06	263
1981	18,672	2,128	994	21,794	2,232	9.76	219
1982	17,140	2,660	691	20,491	2,269	9.03	202
1983F	-	-	-	17,400	2,300	9.8	174
1984F	-	-	-	17,500	2,300	9.8	175
1985F	-	-	-	17,500	2,300	9.8	100
1990F	-	-	-	17,500	2,300	9.8	175

<sup>1</sup>Source: USACE: WCUS-Part 2.

<sup>2</sup>Source: DOT, Monthly Petroleum Supply. (1970-1982)

F = Forecasted.

Figure G-15  
PADD III REFINERY SLADE (WITH PERCENT OF TOTAL)  
(millions of barrels)

Year	Gasoline	Distillates	Residual	Jet Fuel	Kerosine	Asphalt	All Other	Total	Clean Fuels
1970	845 (46)	392 (21)	60 (3)	132 (7)	55 (3)	36 (2)	305 (17)	1,825 (100)	1,460 (80)
1971	848 (46)	388 (21)	61 (3)	132 (7)	52 (3)	39 (2)	311 (17)	1,831 (100)	1,420 (78)
1972	950 (47)	424 (21)	65 (3)	139 (7)	48 (2)	40 (2)	336 (17)	2,002 (100)	1,561 (78)
1973	979 (47)	440 (21)	88 (4)	142 (7)	49 (2)	41 (2)	359 (17)	2,098 (100)	1,610 (77)
1974	959 (46)	429 (20)	132 (6)	143 (7)	34 (2)	41 (2)	364 (17)	2,102 (100)	1,565 (74)
1975	995 (48)	432 (21)	104 (5)	146 (7)	33 (2)	34 (2)	338 (16)	2,082 (100)	1,606 (77)
1976	1,035 (45)	475 (21)	186 (8)	157 (7)	34 (1)	29 (1)	392 (17)	2,308 (100)	1,701 (74)
1977	1,073 (42)	544 (21)	258 (10)	165 (6)	38 (1)	34 (1)	435 (17)	2,547 (100)	1,820 (71)
1978	1,094 (42)	507 (20)	261 (10)	168 (7)	33 (1)	39 (2)	473 (18)	2,575 (100)	1,802 (70)
1979	1,033 (41)	488 (19)	260 (10)	174 (7)	43 (2)	35 (1)	500 (20)	2,533 (100)	1,738 (69)
1980	990 (42)	415 (17)	229 (10)	168 (7)	36 (2)	34 (1)	500 (21)	2,372 (100)	1,609 (68)
1981	974 (44)	423 (19)	183 (8)	157 (7)	29 (1)	36 (2)	428 (19)	2,232 (100)	1,583 (71)
1982	1,029 (45)	448 (20)	169 (7)	174 (8)	29 (1)	33 (1)	387 (17)	2,269 (100)	1,680 (74)
1983E	1,011 (46)	416 (19)	130 (6)	185 (8)	30 (1)	44 (2)	394 (18)	2,210 (100)	1,642 (74)

Source: DOE Petroleum Supply Annual (1970-1983).

E = Estimated.

Figure G-16 summarizes the prospects for Mississippi River System clean fuels traffic. Here, the total volume of clean fuel is represented by gasoline, jet fuel, kerosene, distillate fuel oil, lube oil, naptha solvents, and liquified gases. Clean fuel volume ranged between 32 million short tons in 1982 to nearly 41 in 1977, after which the traffic declined steadily. What's more, PADD III's production of clean fuel products also fell, although not as dramatically. The forecast predicts that clean fuel production will remain relatively stable for the rest of this decade: despite the continuing conservation and conversion to alternative fuel sources, the economy should also keep expanding, thereby forestalling any decreases in the demand for clean fuels.

#### CHEMICAL AND AROMATICS TRAFFIC

Figure G-17 displays the historical and forecast data on traffic for chemical and aromatic trades. This category includes sodium hydroxide, the petrochemical products alcohol, benzine, toluene, and basic chemicals and products. The forecast relied on the DRI basic chemicals production index, which has proven itself an accurate indicator of chemical traffic. Because the outlook for chemical production and, consequently, traffic is strong the forecast calls for a recovery in 1984-1990, leading to a net growth above the 1979 peak.

Despite the recent growth in the chemical industry, the forecast predicts that trade will outstrip the peak historical levels, but not until the mid-1990s, so that growth between 1985-1990 will be slight.

The exhibit also shows that between 1970-1982, the last of which was a recession year, the net increase in traffic in this category was three percent. Between 1970-1979, the last of which was the peak year, growth was 27 percent, compared to the growth in the chemical industry's output, an impressive 63 percent. Since the barge industry's growth was less spectacular, its future increases will continue as the chemical industry expands but at a slower pace.

#### FERTILIZER TRAFFIC REPORT

Figure G-18 presents a forecast for fertilizer traffic on the Mississippi River System. The historical data show significant growth between 1970 and the peak year, 1980. During this period, the system's fertilizer tonnage more than doubled, in line with a 33 percent increase in fertilizer tonnage.

Figure G-16  
MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST  
CLEAN PETROLEUM PRODUCTS  
Millions of Short Tons

Year	Mississippi System Traffic						PADD III Refinery Runs <sup>2</sup> (millions of barrels)	PADD III Clean Fuels (millions of barrels)	Explanatory Factor
	Gasoline	Jet Fuel	Kerosene	Distillate Fuel	Lube Oil	Naphtha & Solvents			
1970	24,017	1,579	1,613	6,476	1,566	999	850	37,100	20.33
1971	24,849	1,672	990	7,327	1,554	959	756	38,107	1,460
1972	22,639	1,634	828	8,791	1,513	1,064	1,208	37,647	20.81
1973	21,227	1,539	581	9,707	1,638	1,163	1,208	2,002	1,420
1974	20,099	2,652	480	10,217	1,836	1,235	766	36,305	1,561
1975	20,642	1,336	357	10,343	1,603	889	1,029	36,199	21.27
1976	19,827	1,636	415	12,543	1,773	1,159	1,167	39,517	1,565
1977	20,318	1,709	483	13,198	2,020	2,199	984	40,911	2,082
1978	18,719	1,394	560	11,732	2,048	2,245	990	37,700	1,606
1979	17,306	1,451	541	11,039	2,040	2,493	627	35,777	20.4
1980	17,647	1,854	417	10,825	1,924	2,360	917	35,924	1,738
1981	16,679	1,924	349	10,200	1,708	2,101	988	35,949	22.3
1982	15,208	2,048	555	9,397	1,725	1,712	953	31,598	2,372
1983F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,190	2,269
1984F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,350	15.11
1985F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,350	1,583
1990F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,350	21.4

<sup>1</sup>Source: USACE:MEUS-Part 2.<sup>2</sup>Source: DOE, Monthly Petroleum Supply.

E = Estimated.

F = Forecasted.

Figure G-17

MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST  
CHEMICALS AND AROMATICS

Year	1 Mississippi System Chem- ical Tons <sup>1</sup> (millions- short)	2 U.S. Dept. Commerce Chemical Production Index <sup>2</sup>	3 DRI Basic Chemicals <sup>4</sup>	4 (1+2) Explanatory Factor 1	5 (1+3) Explanatory Factor 2
1970	15.0	120	1.179	.125	12.7
1971	15.6	126	1.236	.124	12.6
1972	16.3	144	1.377	.113	11.8
1973	15.0	155	1.477	.097	10.2
1974	16.9	159	1.533	.106	11.0
1975	14.8	147	1.360	.101	10.9
1976	15.2	171	1.617	.089	9.4
1977	16.3	186	1.718	.088	9.5
1978	17.1	197	1.818	.087	9.4
1979	19.1	212	1.921	.090	9.9
1980	18.7	207	1.875	.090	10.0
1981	17.8	216	1.869	.082	9.5
1982	15.5	196	1.573	.080	9.9
1983F	17.0	-	1.750	-	9.7
1984F	18.7	-	1.928	-	9.7
1985F	19.4	-	1.999	-	9.7
1986F	20.0	-	2.064	-	9.7
1987F	21.4	-	2.203	-	9.7
1988F	23.1	-	2.385	-	9.7
1989F	21.7	-	2.235	-	9.7
1990F	20.9	-	2.158	-	9.7

<sup>1</sup>Source: USACE-WCUS Part 2.<sup>2</sup>Source: DOE Statistical Abstract of the United States. (1970-1982)<sup>3</sup>Source: DOE/TBS Forecast 1983 onward.<sup>4</sup>DRI JQIND281 and March 1984 CycleLong.

E = Estimated.

F = Forecasted.

Figure G-18

## MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST

## FERTILIZER

Year	1 Mississippi River System Fertilizer Movement <sup>1</sup> (millions of short tons)	2 All U.S. Fertilizer Consumption <sup>2</sup> (millions of tons)	3 DRI Index of Production for Agricultural Chemicals (1967 = 1.000)	4 Explanatory Factor (1+3)
1970	3.9	39.6	1.079	.098
1971	4.5	39.9	1.035	.113
1972	6.5	39.9	1.089	.163
1973	5.9	41.8	1.270	.141
1974	6.5	47.1	1.447	.138
1975	6.2	42.5	1.641	.146
1976	6.0	49.2	1.854	.122
1977	7.0	51.6	2.012	.136
1978	7.1	47.5	2.118	.149
1979	7.6	51.5	2.216	.148
1980	8.4	52.8	2.307	.159
1981	7.3	54.0	2.415	.135
1982	6.5	48.7	2.087	.133
1983F	6.3	45.1	1.932 <sup>a</sup>	.14
1984F	6.7	48.0	2.056 <sup>a</sup>	.14
1985F	7.3	51.9	2.223 <sup>a</sup>	.14
1986F	7.7	55.0	2.357 <sup>a</sup>	.14
1987F	8.2	58.7	2.514 <sup>a</sup>	.14
1988F	8.7	62.0	2.657 <sup>a</sup>	.14
1989F	8.9	63.8	2.734 <sup>a</sup>	.14
1990F	9.3	66.6	2.855 <sup>a</sup>	.14

<sup>1</sup>Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterborne Commerce of the United States, Part 2 (phosphate rock, nitrogenous chemical fertilizers, fertilizers and materials, n.e.c., and lime).

<sup>2</sup>Data Resources, Inc., U.S. Long Term Review, Winter 1983-84, p. 11.47.

<sup>3</sup>Source: DOC, Statistical Abstract of the United States, (FEA), p. 670.

<sup>a</sup>DRI, op. cit., CYCLELONG1283, p. 1.127.

F = Forecasted.

The forecast indicates that the river system will experience gradual increases as national fertilizer production increases. For the purposes of this forecast, the United States' tonnage was used with the assumption that one ton of fertilizer in seven will move on the Mississippi River System. This ratio has been relatively stable for more than a decade. Despite changes in the pricing structure and regulation of the railroad industry, fertilizer traffic on the Mississippi System should not feel their effects. Thus, the historically stable ratio should remain so for the long term.

Other factors contribute to the traffic's stability. Although, for instance, the increasing efficiencies of fertilizer production tend to reduce tonnages, these reductions should be offset to some degree by the increasing demands for fertilizer. Since fertilizer plays a significant role as a northbound back-haul commodity from the lower Mississippi River, the continued stability of fertilizer traffic will ensure that the barge industry retains this source, which amounts to one ton for every ten downbound tons of export grain. However, because of this ratio imbalance, it is unlikely that fertilizer growth will give carriers an opportunity to use fertilizer to absorb all their northbound-cycle costs.

#### CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

This category includes cement, limestone, stone, sand stone, gravel, and shell. The majority of this tonnage traditionally moved short distances in private barge fleets because sand and stone is dredged from certain rivers and transported by deck barge to riverside terminals. For this reason, the ton-miles associated with these materials tend to be smaller in relation to total ton-miles than the tonnage has been in relation to total system tons.

#### Historical and Forecast Traffic

Figure G-19 presents the historical and forecast Mississippi System construction material tonnage and the key DRI combined structures expressed in 1972 dollars for 1970-1990. Construction materials commerce should recover from a 1982 low of 32 million tons to a 1988 high of 49.5 million tons.

Figure G-19 also demonstrates the cyclical nature of this traffic. Between 1970-1982, it varied between 46 million tons in 1978 and 32 million tons in 1982. This range of traffic levels strongly correlates with the indices of overall construction activity, but it tends to be more volatile than the key indicators suggest.

In developing this forecast, the historical data was analyzed for the key states in the river system as well as the national construction information. The detailed information on the key states generally indicated somewhat of a correlation to river traffic.

Key states construction (presented in Column 2) is expressed in 1972 dollars and ranged between 34.8 billion dollars in 1978 and 20.6 billion dollars in 1982. By contrast, total U.S. construction (also in 1972 dollars) ranged from a high of 108 billion dollars in 1973 to a low of 78.8 billion dollars in 1975.

The relationship between Mississippi System construction and national construction is slightly closer than between the rivers and the key states. The reasons include fluctuating patterns, sand and gravel recovery from both rivers and shoreside locations, changing patterns and locations of construction sites, and varying levels of shell, cement, and limestone transportation traffic, which responds to commodity prices.

Note that limestone is classed as a construction material, although the utility and agricultural industries also use it. Because the CofE data make no distinctions for different uses, it is impossible to make accommodations other than by including limestone here, as a mine mineral.

### Construction Activity

Because construction activity affects barge traffic in construction materials, it is important to keep abreast of the construction industry's history and be on the lookout for new trends. Column 3 of figure G-20 calculates the total value of residential and nonresidential structures built in the United States (in 1972 dollars). This total was compared to the MacGraw Dodge historical total construction levels, which appears in the Statistical Abstract of the United States. Using the information in Column 5, it is easy to see that DRI's and MacGraw Dodge's values do not coincide precisely. However, the DRI nonresidential and residential structural forecasts were used. As Column 3 indicates, construction should recover in 1983-1984 and grow slowly from 1985 onward.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST  
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

1 Miss. Systems Construction National Tons (millions)	2 Key States Construction \$1972 (billions)	3 1 + 2 Explanatory Factor	4 Combined DRI Structure \$1972 (billions)	5 1 + 4 Explanatory Factor
1970 40.5	23.6	1.72	83.7	.484
1971 44.5	27.7	1.61	95.2	.467
1972 41.9	27.5	1.52	106.4	.394
1973 42.5	30.4	1.40	108.0	.394
1974 43.4	26.0	1.67	90.0	.482
1975 38.5	22.4	1.72	78.8	.489
1976 38.2	28.0	1.36	89.0	.429
1977 40.5	29.6	1.37	99.2	.408
1978 44.6	34.8	1.28	105.1	.424
1979 46.3	32.3	1.43	106.2	.436
1980 37.4	23.3	1.61	93.7	.399
1981 33.4	20.7	1.61	94.5	.353
1982 32.0	20.6	1.55	91.5	.350
1983F 36.3	-	-	100.7	.360
1984F 41.1	-	-	111.0	.370
1985F 42.1	-	-	110.9	.380
1986F 44.8	-	-	114.8	.390
1987F 48.6	-	-	121.4	.40
1988F 49.5	-	-	123.7	.40
1989F 45.2	-	-	113.1	.40
1990F 46.6	-	-	116.6	.40

E = Estimated.  
F = Forecasted.

(Note: Col. 1 forecast is col. 4 x col. 5. See Figure G-20 for derivation of col. 4.)

Source: DDC Statistical Abstract of the U.S., F.W. Dodge original data.

Figure G-20  
 UNITED STATES  
 HISTORICAL AND FORECAST CONSTRUCTION

	1 Non-Residential <sup>1</sup> Structures (billion \$ 1972)	2 Residential <sup>2</sup> Structures (billion \$ 1972)	3 1 + 2 Total Structures (billion \$ 1972)	4 McGraw Dodge <sup>3</sup> (billion \$ 1972)	5 4 + 3 Percent
1970	43.9	39.8	83.7	74.6	89.1
1971	42.8	52.4	95.2	77.0	80.9
1972	44.1	62.3	106.4	83.3	78.3
1973	47.4	60.6	108.0	93.9	86.9
1974	43.6	46.4	90.0	81.3	90.3
1975	38.2	40.6	78.8	71.5	90.7
1976	39.5	49.5	89.0	83.2	93.5
1977	40.4	58.8	99.2	99.8	100.6
1978	44.6	60.5	105.1	105.3	100.2
1979	49.1	57.1	106.2	102.9	96.9
1980	48.5	45.2	93.7	83.0	88.6
1981	51.6	42.9	94.5	78.6	83.2
1982	53.1	38.4	91.5	74.8	81.7
1983F	49.8	50.9	100.7	--	84.0
1984F	52.4	58.6	111.0	--	84.0
1985F	55.5	55.4	110.9	--	84.0
1986F	58.1	56.6	114.8	--	84.0
1987F	60.5	60.9	121.4	--	84.0
1988F	63.0	67.7	123.7	--	84.0
1989F	65.4	47.7	113.1	--	84.0
1990F	67.7	48.	116.6	--	84.0

F = Forecasted.

<sup>1</sup>DRI-ICN72.

<sup>2</sup>DRI-ICR72.

<sup>3</sup>Source figure G-22.

Figure G-21 covers 1970-1982 construction activity in the key states (Illinois, Ohio, and Pennsylvania) of the Mississippi River System. When adjusted to 1972 dollars, strong cyclical forces are evident. 1982 activity was more than 50 percent below the peak of 1978. The figure also shows where the majority of construction occurred. Figure G-22 compares the construction levels in the key states to the national level. These key states' share of national activity has been fairly stable, at about 30 percent, with recession year decreases to a bottom of 26 percent.

#### WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT MATERIALS FORECAST

Waterway improvements materials represent significant amounts of tonnage but proportionally a very small share of river ton-miles. The historical and forecast information (Figure G-23) shows an overall decline in waterway improvement tonnage over 1970-1982. The tonnage varies and largely depends on the amount of CofE dredging and riprap operations. It is assumed that the tonnages for the remainder of the decade will be about six million short tons, but also recognized that this tonnage could fluctuate. Because much of this tonnage is transported on flat deck barges and constitutes heavy riprap, the impact of this commodity's traffic on most carriers is minimal.

#### PROJECTION OF ALL COMMODITY TRAFFIC

In addition to the commodities discussed above, the river system moves a volume of miscellaneous commodities that includes ores, minerals, paper, lumber, steel products, sugar, salt, and a variety of other commodities. It is difficult to forecast each of these without a great deal of research into the individual factors affecting each commodity. In many cases, these commodities move from import or export locations for a small number of shippers. However, despite the diversity, the aggregate pattern for the past 13 years is a reasonably accurate basis for this forecast.

Figure G-24 compares the river system's total tons and all other tons to those of the U.S. Gross National Product (GNP) (both historical and forecast). The relationship between the river system and GNP is clearly declining. Between 1970-1983, the ratio fell by approximately 17 percent at a steady rate. In addition, the relationship between all other tonnage and the river system dropped even faster. Between 1970 to 1982, the relationship between all other tonnage and the GNP decreased by 39 percent, which suggests that the river system has not shared in the wealth.

Figure G-21  
**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN KEY INLAND RIVER STATES**  
(billions of dollars)

	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
<b>Arkansas</b>	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.3	1.2	1.6
<b>Illinois</b>	3.6	4.0	4.8	4.9	4.3	3.9	8.5	5.8	7.3	7.0	5.3	4.8	4.7
<b>Indiana</b>	1.5	1.8	2.2	2.5	2.2	2.5	4.3	6.4	3.4	2.8	2.4	2.9	2.9
<b>Iowa</b>	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.5	2.2	2.4	1.5	1.3	1.3
<b>Kansas</b>	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.3	1.5	3.1	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.3	1.4
<b>Kentucky</b>	1.2	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.8	2.3	3.5	3.0	2.2	3.4	2.7
<b>Louisiana</b>	1.4	1.7	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.8	3.7	3.6	4.6	3.5	3.3	3.8	5.7
<b>Minnesota</b>	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.7	2.1	1.7	2.0	2.6	3.2	3.3	2.7	2.7	2.5
<b>Mississippi</b>	0.6	0.9	2.1	2.1	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.6	3.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	1.1
<b>Missouri</b>	1.2	1.7	1.4	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.6	2.7	2.8	3.1	2.6	2.6	2.4
<b>Ohio</b>	3.0	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.4	3.9	4.2	6.5	6.5	6.2	5.2	4.8	4.8
<b>Oklahoma</b>	0.7	0.9	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.4	2.4	2.4	2.9	2.3	2.8	3.1
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	3.2	4.4	3.4	4.3	3.9	3.0	3.9	3.8	4.8	4.6	5.2	4.8	4.5
<b>Tennessee</b>	1.6	1.5	1.8	2.2	2.1	1.7	1.7	1.8	3.1	4.9	2.8	2.6	2.6
<b>West Virginia</b>	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.8	1.2	0.9	0.8
<b>Current \$</b>	\$21.6	26.6	27.5	32.2	30.0	28.2	37.1	41.4	52.3	52.9	41.6	40.5	42.5
<b>\$1972</b>	23.6	27.7	27.5	30.4	26.0	22.4	28.0	29.6	34.8	32.3	23.3	20.7	20.6
<b>\$1972 Adjust- ment Factors</b>	.915	.961	1.00	1.058	1.152	1.258	1.324	1.400	1.504	1.637	1.787	1.952	2.068

Source: Statistical Abstract of the United States tables drawn from McGraw Hill  
F. W. Dodge data on Construction Potentials.

Figure G-22

## ANALYSIS OF KEY INLAND STATES AND NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION

1 Key States Construction (billion \$ 1972) <sup>1</sup>	2 Total U.S. (billion \$)	3 Total U.S. (billion \$1972)	4 1 + 3 Key States as % Total U.S.
1970	23.6	68.3	31.6
1971	27.7	80.2	36.0
1972	27.5	91.0	33.0
1973	30.4	99.3	32.4
1974	26.0	93.7	32.0
1975	22.4	90.0	31.3
1976	28.0	110.1	33.7
1977	29.6	139.7	29.7
1978	34.8	158.4	33.0
1979	32.3	168.4	31.4
1980	23.3	148.4	28.1
1981	20.7	153.5	26.8
1982E	20.6	154.6	27.5

<sup>1</sup>Source Figure G-21.

E = Estimated.

F = Forecasted.

Figure G-23

MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST  
WATERWAYS IMPROVEMENT MATERIALS

	Water Improvement Tons (millions)	Three-Year Rolling Average Tons (millions)
1970	8.9	-
1971	8.2	8.3
1972	7.7	8.4
1973	9.2	9.6
1974	11.8	9.8
1975	8.5	9.2
1976	7.4	7.6
1977	6.9	7.8
1978	9.2	8.0
1979	7.9	7.6
1980	5.8	6.0
1981	4.4	-
1982	4.7	-
1983E	6.0	-
1984F	6.0	-
1985F	6.0	-
1990F	6.0	-

Source: USACE WCUS Part 2.

E = Estimated.

F = Forecasted.

Figure G-24  
MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST  
ALL OTHER COMMODITIES

Year	1 Mississippi System Tons (millions- short tons)	2 GNP \$1972 Billions	3 1+2 Total Mississippi Systems Tons/\$GNP	4 All Other Commodities (millions)	5 4+2 All Other Tons/\$GNP	6 DRI Index of Industrial Production	7 4+6 All Other/ Industrial Production
1970	297.3	1,088	.273	33.3	.0306	1.078	30.0
1971	303.2	1,122	.276	35.1	.0313	1.096	32.0
1972	326.6	1,186	.275	36.5	.0308	1.197	30.5
1973	317.6	1,255	.253	34.0	.0271	1.297	26.2
1974	330.1	1,248	.265	37.1	.0297	1.293	28.7
1975	330.1	1,234	.268	33.5	.0271	1.178	28.4
1976	345.5	1,298	.266	39.1	.0301	1.304	30.0
1977	352.5	1,370	.257	33.0	.0241	1.381	23.9
1978	355.4	1,439	.247	35.9	.0249	1.461	24.6
1979	370.8	1,479	.251	35.8	.0242	1.525	23.5
1980	365.7	1,474	.248	35.5	.0241	1.470	24.2
1981	362.9	1,503	.241	35.9	.0239	1.509	23.8
1982	347.5	1,485	.234	27.7	.0187	1.386	20.0
1983	348.2	1,536	.227	31.0	.0221	1.478	21.0
1984F	360.2	1,619	.222	35.7	.0227	1.624	22.0
1985F	36766	1,671	.217	37.1	.0227	1.686	22.0
1986F	366.3	1,713	.214	38.3	.0224	1.739	22.0
1987F	375.4	1,762	.213	40.4	.0229	1.838	22.0
1988F	382.6	1,818	.201	43.0	.0240	1.954	22.0
1989F	377.2	1,872	.201	41.1	.0220	1.867	22.0
1990F	387.1	1,929	.201	40.5	.0210	1.839	22.0

1. Source: USACE WCUS Part 2.

2. Source: DRI-12/83.

E = Estimated

F = Forecasted

To what extent will the river system continue to lose its share as the economy expands? One potential answer lies in DRI's forecast and historical data that describe industrial production in the United States (see Column 6). Industrial production increased significantly, reaching a peak in 1979 that was nearly 40 percent above the 1970 level. Comparison of industrial production to the river systems' all other tons reveals that the system's decrease here mirrors its decline in relation to the GNP. However, the decrease occurred primarily in the first half of the 1970s and since then it has shrunk. It is also possible that the 1982-1983 recession caused a temporary sharp decrease in river traffic in all other commodities, as U.S. exports and imports of basic commodities dropped in response to reduced factory orders. However, the continuation of the recession should stimulate the barge industry to improve marketing efforts to attract the shippers. Thus the river system should be able to snare a slight increase in its share. Furthermore, regulatory changes could promote intermodal transshipping of certain cargoes.

For the purposes of this forecast, it was assumed that a stable relationship will continue between the GNP and the river system. On this basis, traffic will recover along with industrial production, seeing slight growth so that by 1987 the all other category will somewhat exceed the 1976 peak. Although this forecast may prove optimistic, it is based on sound data and analysis.

FORECAST OF THE GULF INTERCOASTAL WATERWAY TRAFFIC

The Gulf Intercoastal Waterway represents an additional 10 percent of ton-miles compared to the Mississippi River System. Much of the tonnage that moves on the Gulf Intercoastal also moves on the Mississippi River System and very little of the tonnage on the Gulf Intercoastal originates and terminates on the system itself. Rather, this waterway is a conduit between major Texas ports and the Mississippi System, and between Mobile and tributaries in the Mississippi System. Traffic on the waterway is nevertheless important to the industry for several reasons. First, many carriers have specialized in providing transportation on this river system because the physical lock and channel width and depth constraints on this waterway the system absorb more equipment than its tons or ton-miles would suggest. Secondly, the Gulf Intercoastal System is particularly significant for transporting tank cargoes.

There are several obstacles to forecasting trade on the Gulf Intercoastal. Most important, it does not produce or consume significant amounts of the cargo that it carries. Secondly, its traffic does not correspond directly to the nation's economic development. However, these obstacles are not insurmountable.

Traffic Overview

Figure G-25 provides a summary of the historical and forecast traffic for the Gulf Intercoastal Waterway. Between 1970-1982, traffic declined by nearly 20 percent, largely led by the declines in crude oil transportation. The decreases in tonnage over this period were also affected by sharp swings in traffic, following a peak demand in 1972 when 108 million tons were transported. In contrast to the inland system, the transportation of petroleum products has remained relatively strong and is forecast to do so through the end of the 1980s. Also, a decrease in the production of marine shell, which is used in concrete production along the Gulf Coast, accounted for significant tonnage declines. Coke and chemical aromatics traffic increased, as did the tonnages of coal, which should increase further with the startup of power stations in the Florida panhandle.

The forecasting of Gulf Intercoastal traffic is presented in a series of exhibits (Figures G-26-G-34) that cover the major traffic categories. The forecast is conservative by not acknowledging that net increases in coal consumption could occur in response to decisions by Texas and Florida utilities to increase conversions and therefore would rely on riverborne delivery.

Figure G-25  
 SUMMARY OF GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY TRAFFIC AND FORECAST  
 ALL COMMODITIES  
 (millions of short tons)

GIWW Total	Coal	Crude Oil	Petroleum Products	Construction Materials	Coke	Non-Metallic Minerals	Chemicals & Aromatics	All Other Commodities
1970 99.2	1.9	31.8	20.2	15.3	.3	4.9	9.2	15.6
1971 105.2	2.9	33.0	23.9	14.9	.4	4.8	9.1	16.2
1972 108.1	4.9	32.3	23.5	14.7	.4	5.0	10.6	16.7
1973 100.1	4.4	27.5	22.6	15.1	.5	4.2	9.9	15.9
1974 103.0	4.9	25.2	25.6	13.7	.7	4.9	5.4	22.6
1975 96.4	4.3	24.6	24.0	12.3	.6	4.7	9.7	10.2
1976 96.5	4.8	24.2	25.4	10.2	.5	5.0	10.8	15.6
1977 104.3	4.2	24.7	30.9	10.2	.8	4.5	11.4	17.6
1978 101.4	4.0	22.9	28.9	9.6	.7	5.0	12.8	17.5
1979 98.6	5.0	20.0	33.3	8.0	.8	4.3	13.3	11.9
1980 94.1	5.1	17.5	29.8	8.4	1.2	4.2	12.0	15.9
1981 90.0	4.6	15.2	30.1	7.3	1.3	3.4	11.9	16.2
1982 80.6	4.0	15.6	29.6	6.6	1.0	4.0	10.0	9.8
1983F 87.1	4.9	14.8	27.3	6.6	1.3	3.9	11.4	16.9
1984F 87.8	4.8	13.6	27.5	6.3	1.3	4.0	12.5	17.8
1985F 88.0	5.0	12.8	27.5	6.0	1.3	4.0	13.0	18.4
1986F 87.8	5.1	12.0	27.5	5.7	1.3	4.0	13.4	18.8
1987F 88.5	5.1	11.3	27.5	5.6	1.3	4.0	14.3	19.4
1988F 89.4	5.2	10.6	27.5	5.3	1.3	4.0	15.5	20.0
1989F 87.9	5.2	10.0	27.5	4.8	1.3	4.0	14.5	20.6
1990F 87.4	5.3	9.4	27.5	4.7	1.3	4.0	14.0	21.2

F = Forecasted

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

Figure G-26

## GIWW TRAFFIC AND FORECAST

## COAL

Year	1 GIWW Coal <sup>1</sup> (millions tons)	2 U.S. Coal <sup>2</sup> Consumption (millions tons)	3 1 + 2 Explanatory Factor
1970	1.9	515.0	.0037
1971	2.9	494.0	.0059
1972	4.9	520.0	.0094
1973	4.4	562.6	.0078
1974	4.9	558.4	.0088
1975	4.3	562.6	.0076
1976	4.8	603.8	.0079
1977	4.2	625.3	.0067
1978	4.0	625.2	.0064
1979	5.0	680.5	.0073
1980	5.1	702.7	.0073
1981	4.6	732.6	.0063
1982	4.0	707.0	.0057
1983F	4.9	736.7	.0066
1984F	4.8	757.0	.0063
1985F	5.0	774.9	.0064
1986F	5.1	778.2	.0065
1990F	5.3	781.2	.0068

<sup>1</sup>Source: USACE WCUS Part 2 (through 1981).<sup>2</sup>Source: Figure G-7.

E = Estimated

F = Forecasted

Figure G-27

GIWW TRAFFIC AND FORECAST  
CRUDE OIL

Year	1 GIWW Crude <sup>1</sup> (million tons)	2 PADD III Crude <sup>2</sup> Production (million bbls)	3 1 + 2 Explanatory Factor
1970	31.8	2,375.2	.0134
1971	33.0	2,366.7	.0139
1972	32.3	2,393.6	.0135
1973	27.5	2,313.0	.0119
1974	25.2	2,178.8	.0116
1975	24.6	2,044.1	.0120
1976	24.2	1,967.0	.0123
1977	24.7	1,869.5	.0132
1978	22.9	1,772.3	.0129
1979	20.0	1,662.8	.0120
1980	17.5	1,594.3	.0110
1981	15.2	1,539.3	.0099
1982	15.6	1,558.0	.0100
1983E	14.8	1,480	.0100
1984F	13.6	1,406	.0097
1985F	12.8	1,335	.0096
1986F	12.0	1,268	.0095
1987F	11.3	1,205	.0094
1988F	10.6	1,144	.0093
1989F	10.0	1,087	.0092
1990F	9.4	1,032	.0091

<sup>1</sup>Source: USACE WCUS Part 2 (through 1982).

<sup>2</sup>Source: DOE Petroleum Supply Monthly (through 1982).  
After 1982, 5% annual decrease forecasted.

E = Estimated.

F = Forecasted.

Figure G-28

GIWW TRAFFIC AND FORECAST  
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

Year	1 GIWW Product Traffic <sup>1</sup> (million tons)	2 PADD III Refinery Runs <sup>2</sup> Distillate and Residual	3 1 + 2 Explanatory Factor
1970	20.2	452	.045
1971	23.9	449	.053
1972	23.5	489	.048
1973	22.6	528	.043
1974	25.6	561	.046
1975	24.0	536	.045
1976	25.4	661	.038
1977	30.9	802	.039
1978	28.9	768	.038
1979	33.3	748	.045
1980	29.8	644	.046
1981	30.1	584	.052
1982	29.6	617	.048
1983E	27.3	546	.050
1984F	27.5	550	.050
1985F	27.5	550	.050
1990F	27.5	550	.050

<sup>1</sup>Source: USACE Part 2 (through 1981).<sup>2</sup>Source: DOE Petroleum Supply Monthly (through 1982).

E = Estimated.

F = Forecasted.

Figure G-29

## ANALYSIS OF GULF COAST CONSTRUCTION AND FORECAST

Year	1 Total Const. Alabama <sup>1</sup> (billion \$)	2 Total Const. Texas <sup>1</sup> (billion \$)	3 1 + 2 Total (billion \$)	4 Adj. Factor (billion \$1972)	5 3 + 4 Adjusted Construction (billion \$1972)	6 DRI Total U.S. Structures <sup>2</sup> (\$1972)	7 5 + 6 Explanatory Factor
1970	1.0	4.1	5.1	.915	5.6	83.7	.067
1971	1.2	5.0	6.2	.961	6.5	95.2	.068
1972	1.4	5.8	7.2	1.00	7.2	106.4	.068
1973	1.6	6.2	7.8	1.058	7.4	108.0	.069
1974	1.3	6.5	7.8	1.152	6.8	90.0	.076
1975	3.1	6.4	9.5	1.258	7.6	78.8	.096
1976	1.9	7.9	9.8	1.324	7.4	89.0	.083
1977	2.0	10.7	12.7	1.400	9.1	99.2	.092
1978	2.6	13.8	16.4	1.504	10.9	105.1	.104
1979	2.5	13.1	15.6	1.637	9.5	106.2	.089
1980	1.9	13.6	15.5	1.787	8.7	93.7	.093
1981	1.8	16.2	18.0	1.952	9.2	94.5	.097
1982E	-	-	-	-	8.7	91.5	.095
1983F	-	-	-	-	9.6	100.7	.095
1984F	-	-	-	-	10.5	111.0	.095
1985F	-	-	-	-	10.5	110.9	.095
1986F	-	-	-	-	10.9	114.8	.095
1987F	-	-	-	-	11.5	121.4	.095
1988F	-	-	-	-	11.8	123.7	.095
1989F	-	-	-	-	10.7	113.1	.095
1990F	-	-	-	-	11.1	116.9	.095

<sup>1</sup>Source: DOC Statistical Abstract of the U.S., F.W. Dodge original data.<sup>2</sup>Source: Forecast DRI.

E = Estimated.

F = Forecasted.

Figure G-30  
GIWW TRAFFIC AND FORECAST  
MARINE SHELLS

Year	1 GIWW Marine Shells <sup>1</sup> (million tons)	2 3 Year Average (million tons)	3 3 Year Average Ratio to Prior Year
1970	13.8	--	--
1971	12.9	13.0	--
1972	12.3	12.7	.98
1973	12.8	12.2	.96
1974	11.5	11.4	.93
1975	9.8	9.6	.84
1976	7.5	8.4	.88
1977	7.9	7.5	.89
1978	7.0	6.8	.91
1979	5.6	6.2	.91
1980	5.9	5.0	.89
1981	5.2	--	.90
1982	3.9	--	.90
1983E	4.2	--	.90
1984F	3.8	--	.90
1985F	3.4	--	.90
1986F	3.1	--	.90
1987F	2.8	--	.90
1988F	2.5	--	.90
1989F	2.2	--	.90
1990F	2.0	--	.90

<sup>1</sup>Source: USACE WCUS Part 2.

E = Estimated.

F = Forecasted.

Figure G-31

## GIWW TRAFFIC AND FORECAST

## SAND, STONE, AND GRAVEL

Year	1 GIWW Sand, Stone, and Gravel (million tons)	2 Alabama & Texas Construction <sup>2</sup> (million \$ 1972)	3 1 + 2 Explanatory Factor
1970	1.5	5.6	.27
1971	2.0	6.5	.31
1972	2.4	7.2	.33
1973	2.3	7.4	.31
1974	2.2	6.8	.32
1975	2.5	7.6	.33
1976	2.7	7.4	.36
1977	2.3	9.1	.25
1978	2.6	10.9	.24
1979	2.4	9.5	.25
1980	2.5	8.7	.29
1981	2.2	9.2	.24
1982	1.8	8.7	.21
1983F	2.4	9.6	.24
1984F	2.5	10.5	.24
1985F	2.6	10.5	.24
1986F	2.6	10.9	.24
1987F	2.8	11.5	.24
1988F	2.8	11.8	.24
1989F	2.6	10.7	.24
1990F	2.7	11.1	.24

<sup>1</sup>Source: USACE WCUS Part 2.<sup>2</sup>Source: Statistical Abstract of U.S.

E = Estimated.

F = Forecasted.

Figure G-32

GIWW TRAFFIC AND FORECAST  
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Year	1 GIWW Marine Shell <sup>1</sup>	2 GIWW Sand, Stone Gravel <sup>1</sup>	3 Total
1970	13.8	1.5	15.3
1971	12.9	2.0	14.9
1972	12.3	2.4	14.7
1973	12.8	2.3	15.1
1974	11.5	2.2	13.7
1975	9.8	2.5	12.3
1976	7.5	2.7	10.2
1977	7.9	2.3	10.2
1978	7.0	2.6	9.6
1979	5.6	2.4	8.0
1980	5.9	2.5	8.4
1981	5.2	2.2	7.4
1982	3.9	1.1	5.7
1983E	4.2	2.4	6.6
1984F	3.8	2.5	6.3
1985F	3.4	2.6	6.0
1986F	3.1	2.6	5.7
1987F	2.8	2.8	5.6
1988F	2.5	2.8	5.3
1989F	2.2	2.6	4.8
1990F	2.0	2.7	4.7

<sup>1</sup>Source: USACE WCUS Part 2.

E = Estimated.

F = Forecasted.

Figure G-33

GIWW TRAFFIC AND FORECAST  
CHEMICALS AND AROMATICS

Year	1 GIWW Chemicals Traffic <sup>1</sup> (million tons)	2 PADD III Aromatic and Petrochemical Runs <sup>2</sup> (mil- lion bbls)	3 1 + 2 Explanatory Factor	4 DRI Chemical Production Index <sup>3</sup>	5 2 + 4 Explanatory Factor
1970	9.2	305	.030	1.179	258.7
1971	9.1	311	.029	1.236	251.6
1972	10.6	336	.932	1.307	244.0
1973	9.9	359	.028	1.477	243.1
1974	5.4	364	.015	1.533	237.4
1975	9.7	338	.029	1.360	248.5
1976	10.8	392	.028	1.617	242.4
1977	11.4	435	.026	1.718	253.2
1978	12.8	473	.027	1.818	260.2
1979	13.3	500	.027	1.921	260.3
1980	12.0	500	.024	1.875	266.7
1981	11.9	428	.028	1.869	229.0
1982E	10.0	386	.026	1.573	245.4
1983F	11.4	438	.026	1.750	250
1984F	12.5	482	.026	1.928	250
1985F	13.0	500	.026	1.999	250
1986F	13.4	516	.026	2.064	250
1987F	14.3	551	.026	2.203	250
1988F	15.5	596	.026	2.385	250
1989F	14.5	559	.026	2.235	250
1990F	14.0	540	.026	2.158	250

<sup>1</sup>Source: USACE WCUS Part 2.<sup>2</sup>Source: DOE Petroleum Supply Monthly.<sup>3</sup>DRI JQIND281.

E = Estimated.

F = Forecasted.

(Note: Col. 1 forecasts are Col. 2 x Col. 3. Col. 2 based on Col. 4 x Col. 5 (forecast).)

Figure G-34

## GIWW TRAFFIC AND FORECAST

## ALL OTHER COMMODITIES

Year	1 GIWW All Other <sup>1</sup> (million tons)	2 GNP <sup>2</sup> (billion \$ 1972)	3 1 + 2 Explanatory Factor
1970	15.6	1,088	.014
1971	16.2	1,122	.014
1972	16.7	1,186	.014
1973	15.9	1,255	.013
1974	22.6	1,248	.018
1975	16.2	1,234	.013
1976	15.6	1,298	.012
1977	17.6	1,370	.013
1978	17.5	1,439	.012
1979	11.9	1,479	.008
1980	15.9	1,474	.011
1981	16.2	1,503	.011
1982	9.8	1,485	.0007
1983E	16.9	1,536	.011
1984F	17.8	1,619	.011
1985F	18.4	1,671	.011
1986F	18.8	1,713	.011
1987F	19.4	1,762	.011
1988F	20.0	1,818	.011
1989F	20.6	1,872	.011
1990F	21.2	1,929	.011

<sup>1</sup>Source: USACE WCUS Part 2.<sup>2</sup>Source: Forecast DRI.

E = Estimated.

F = Forecasted.

However, the conservative forecast is justified because it takes into account the hard competition from railroads for this traffic, as well as greater coal imports from Colombia.

#### HISTORICAL TON-MILE ANALYSIS

Figures G-35, 36, and 37 summarize ton-miles on the Mississippi River System and other connecting tributaries. Figure G-35 summarizes this information as billions of ton-miles. This exhibit shows that the most dramatic growth occurred on the Mississippi River between Baton Rouge and New Orleans, because of increased grain exports, while traffic on other rivers grew at varying rates. Figure G-36 measures this relative growth on an index basis (with 1970 as the baseline year) and Figure G-37 examines the composition of this traffic on a ton-miles basis (as a percentage of total traffic). The Mississippi System's traffic between the Ohio River and Baton Rouge increased from 36 to 43 percent, while traffic on the Mississippi between Minneapolis and the Missouri remained relatively constant.

#### BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY

This series of exhibits (Figures G-38 - G-47) summarizes the historical barge traffic using CofE data from the Part II of the Waterborne Commerce Statistics volumes. It is intended to provide a snapshot view of the composition of trade of various waterways, showing the imbalances between loaded and empty, dry and tank barges, upbound/downbound or eastbound/westbound, as applicable. The information is intended to help carriers assess their tows versus overall traffic averages. This traffic includes movements of dredged materials aboard deck barges. Therefore, the traffic shown is slightly higher than the norm for linehaul carriers. In general, barge trips and drafts under four feet are considered empty, with the exception of the Gulf Inter-coastal Waterway and the Mississippi River between the Ohio River and Baton Rouge, where trips under six feet are considered empty.

Figure G-15  
GREATER WESTERN RIVER SYSTEM  
INTERNAL TRAFFIC  
(billions of ton miles)

Total	Mississippi Mile, to No. River	Mississippi No. to Ohio	Mississippi Ohio to Baton Rouge	Mississippi Baton Rouge to New Orleans	Mississippi New Orleans to Mouth of Pee	McClellan Arkansas	Illinois River	Missouri River	Tennessee River	Ohio River	GW Mexico- Florida	Black/Harrar Tobigboe
1970	139.1	10.4	9.1	49.8	6.7	1.9	0.2	7.0	1.2	3.7	30.2	16.1
1971	144.9	10.2	9.1	52.5	7.2	2.1	0.3	6.7	1.3	4.0	30.9	17.5
1972	159.9	11.6	10.6	60.3	8.7	2.3	0.5	7.7	0.9	3.8	32.1	17.6
1973	154.3	10.9	10.4	59.0	8.9	2.3	0.3	7.8	0.9	3.9	29.9	16.4
1974	166.3	11.7	11.4	65.2	9.5	2.1	0.5	8.1	1.2	3.6	31.9	16.9
1975	164.4	11.3	11.8	64.9	9.5	2.2	0.4	6.3	1.1	3.9	32.3	15.4
1976	180.1	11.7	13.2	73.2	10.4	2.1	0.8	8.4	1.5	3.7	34.4	16.3
1977	164.1	11.4	12.4	73.3	10.6	1.9	1.3	8.0	1.6	3.7	37.4	18.0
1978	193.1	12.9	13.4	78.9	11.1	1.8	1.7	7.6	1.5	4.4	38.8	17.1
1979	200.5	13.3	13.6	80.8	11.2	1.7	1.5	7.0	1.5	5.1	43.4	17.0
1980	210.3	15.2	16.0	88.3	12.1	1.8	8.3	1.3	5.3	38.7	16.3	5.2
1981	215.1	15.8	15.9	92.1	13.2	1.9	6.0	1.1	4.8	39.6	15.8	5.0

Source: Waterborne Commerce of the United States; Dept. of the Army Corps of Engineers Part 2.

Figure G-36  
**GREATER WESTERN RIVER SYSTEM  
INTERNAL TRAFFIC  
GROWTH INDICES**  
 $1970 = 100$

	Mississippi		Mississippi		Mississippi		Illinois		Missouri		Tennessee		Ohio		GWM		Mexico-		Black/Territory	
	No. to Ohio	No. to River	No. to Ohio	Baton Rouge to New Orleans	New Orleans to Mouth of Pass	McClellan Arkansas	River	Illinois River	Missouri River	Tennessee River	Ohio River	Mexico-Florida	Florida	Tomigobe	Tomigobe	Tomigobe	Tomigobe	Tomigobe	Tomigobe	
1970	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
1971	104	98	100	105	107	111	150	89	108	108	102	109	109	111	111	111	111	111	116	
1972	115	112	116	121	130	121	250	110	75	103	106	106	109	109	102	102	102	102	132	
1973	111	104	114	118	133	121	150	122	75	105	99	99	102	102	105	105	105	105	150	
1974	120	113	125	131	142	111	250	116	100	97	106	106	105	105	107	107	107	107	118	
1975	118	109	110	110	142	116	200	119	92	105	107	107	105	105	101	101	101	101	157	
1976	129	113	145	147	155	111	400	120	125	100	114	114	114	114	124	124	124	124	161	
1977	132	110	136	147	158	100	650	114	133	100	112	112	112	112	126	126	126	126	139	
1978	139	124	147	158	166	95	850	109	125	119	119	119	119	119	144	144	144	144	157	
1979	144	128	149	162	167	89	750	100	125	125	138	138	138	138	126	126	126	126	186	
1980	151	146	176	177	181	95	900	119	108	143	143	143	143	143	120	120	120	120	179	
1981	155	152	175	185	197	100	950	114	92	120	131	131	131	131	98	98	98	98	179	

Sources: Waterborne Commerce of the United States; Dept. of the Army Corps of Engineers Part 2.

GREATER WESTERN RIVER SYSTEM  
INTERNAL TRAFFIC  
PERCENTAGE

Total	Mississippi Mile- to Mile River	Mississippi No. to Ohio	Mississippi Ohio to Baton Rouge	Mississippi Baton Rouge to New Orleans	Mississippi New Orleans to Mouth of Pass	McCullen Arkansas	Illinois River	Missouri River	Tennessee River	Ohio River	GLW Mexico- Florida	Black/Warrior Tombigbee
1970	100.0	7.5	6.5	35.8	4.8	1.4	0.1	5.0	0.9	2.7	21.7	11.6
1971	100.0	7.0	6.3	36.2	5.0	1.4	0.2	4.6	0.9	2.8	21.3	12.1
1972	100.0	7.3	6.6	37.7	5.4	1.4	0.3	4.8	0.6	2.4	20.1	11.0
1973	100.0	7.0	6.7	38.2	5.8	1.5	0.2	5.1	0.6	2.5	19.4	10.6
1974	100.0	7.0	6.9	39.2	5.7	1.3	0.3	4.9	0.7	2.2	19.2	20.3
1975	100.0	6.9	7.2	39.5	5.8	1.3	0.2	5.0	0.7	2.4	19.6	9.4
1976	100.0	6.5	7.3	40.6	5.8	1.2	0.4	4.7	0.8	2.1	19.1	9.1
1977	100.0	6.2	6.7	39.8	5.8	1.0	0.7	4.3	0.9	2.0	20.3	9.8
1978	100.0	6.7	6.9	40.9	5.7	0.9	0.9	3.9	0.8	2.3	20.1	8.9
1979	100.0	6.6	6.8	40.3	5.6	0.7	0.7	3.5	0.7	2.5	21.6	8.5
1980	100.0	7.2	7.6	42.0	5.8	0.9	0.9	3.9	0.6	2.5	18.4	7.8
1981	100.0	7.3	7.4	42.8	6.1	0.9	0.9	3.7	0.5	2.2	18.4	7.3

Sources: Waterborne Commerce of the United States; Dept. of the Army Corps of Engineers Part 2.

Figure G-58  
BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY  
RIVER SECTION: MISSISSIPPI RIVER-MINNEAPOLIS TO MISSOURI RIVER

Year	Upbound				Downbound				Total Downbound Barges			
	Dry Barge		Tank Barge		Dry Barge		Tank Barge					
	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Total	Empty	Full	Empty				
1970	11634	13295	1032	6340	19635	7123	17802	5553	1817	19619		
1971	12612	12638	1063	6249	18887	6485	18752	5312	1999	20751		
1972	16121	13549	1505	6150	19499	7454	21954	5488	1973	23927		
1973	16656	11367	1291	5212	16579	5250	22760	4490	2028	24788		
1974	17679	12574	1616	5589	18163	4501	26326	4852	2530	28656		
1975	18522	12419	1758	5073	17492	5866	24968	4689	2227	27195		
1976	21629	11742	1910	5343	17085	5428	27862	4685	2680	30542		
1977	20436	12561	1716	5344	17905	5859	27138	4655	2385	29523		
1978	20562	13010	1701	4810	17820	7076	27551	4121	2234	29785		
1979	22039	13043	1419	4168	17211	6003	29658	5328	2255	31913		
1980	27386	12119	1927	3840	19959	5503	34947	3129	2596	37543		
1981	27286	11342	1872	3555	14897	5246	35536	2774	2579	35915		

Note: 6' and less are treated "empty."

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

**RIVER SECTION: MISSISSIPPI RIVER-MISSOURI RIVER TO OHIO RIVER**

**BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY**

**Figure G-39**

Year	Upbound				Downbound				Total Downbound Barges	
	Dry Barge		Tank Barge		Dry Barge		Tank Barge			
	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Empty	Full		
1970	12722	14394	1018	5991	20385	6407	20704	5055	1951	
1971	12650	14638	898	6351	20989	6579	20705	5190	2035	
1972	17286	15491	1171	5980	21471	8032	24726	5113	2022	
1973	19047	12763	1164	4611	17374	4727	27037	3724	2049	
1974	20105	14254	1669	5137	19391	5665	26862	4102	2477	
1975	20817	13897	1887	4779	18676	6250	29047	4316	2361	
1976	25076	13539	2022	5144	18653	5598	33017	4117	2963	
1977	22548	14355	1689	4767	19122	6447	30456	3752	2684	
1978	27449	12992	1697	4373	17365	4240	35595	3418	33140	
1979	30445	12167	1366	3919	16086	3090	38442	2702	2567	
1980	38332	10766	1857	3581	14347	2210	46849	2652	2367	
1981	37976	10365	1833	3597	13962	3031	45352	2658	2720	
									49569	
									56431	
									53670	
									47981	

Note: 6' and less are treated "empty."

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

Figure G-40  
BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY  
RIVER SECTION: MISSISSIPPI RIVER--OHIO RIVER TO BATON ROUGE

Year	Upbound				Downbound				Total Downbound Barges	
	Dry Barge		Tank Barge		Dry Barge		Tank Barge			
	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Empty	Full		
1970	24936	16240	1080	12403	28643	10187	30963	11288	2184	
1971	28808	14434	1433	13835	28269	9336	33882	12506	2748	
1972	35307	14772	872	14569	29341	5615	44550	13399	2002	
1973	33004	11798	527	13697	25495	4508	40388	12431	1742	
1974	36358	13834	1173	13895	27729	6778	43937	12439	2042	
1975	34570	13344	1264	13006	26350	5360	43161	12253	1717	
1976	42019	12888	1257	14160	27048	5682	50669	13204	2170	
1977	40431	13643	984	15044	28687	4957	48950	13673	2075	
1978	40833	16918	1113	15263	32181	5186	53274	13520	2563	
1979	46095	14774	1609	13230	28004	4389	56355	11023	3258	
1980	55065	12748	2692	11219	23967	4386	64441	8921	4374	
1981	62542	11384	2581	9329	20713	3907	69508	7775	3858	
									73366	
									85048	

Note: 6' and less are treated "empty."

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

Figure G-41  
BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY  
RIVER SECTION: ILLINOIS RIVER

Year	Upbound				Downbound				Total Downbound Barges	
	Dry Barge		Tank Barge		Dry Barge		Tank Barge			
	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Empty	Full		
1970	5992	10522	252	4084	14606	7980	8535	3472	868	
1971	6012	9890	634	3763	13653	8020	7939	3426	968	
1972	8672	9569	1248	4079	13648	7559	10726	3579	1734	
1973	8081	10248	1428	3594	13842	7674	10684	3043	1991	
1974	7059	10593	1162	4326	14919	7319	10350	3259	2248	
1975	8473	11198	1046	4104	15302	8146	11576	2875	2215	
1976	10119	9968	1797	3332	13300	7070	13366	2878	2221	
1977	10030	9920	987	3234	13154	6925	13016	2793	1389	
1978	9501	7382	1197	2972	10354	5624	12688	2540	1554	
1979	8961	7141	802	2565	9706	5267	11964	2004	1242	
1980	12133	7399	2059	2405	9804	5351	15022	1854	2800	
1981	10354	8223	2584	2264	10487	5456	13249	1709	3170	
									16419	

Note: 6' and less are treated "empty."

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

Figure G-42  
**BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY**  
**RIVER SECTION: MCCLELLAN-KERR ARKANSAS RIVER**

Year	Upbound				Downbound				Total Downbound Barges	
	Dry Barge		Tank Barge		Dry Barge		Tank Barge			
	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Empty	Full		
1970	2703	4821	4	48	4869	5002	2522	45	3	
1971	2206	5529	21	95	5624	4804	2934	80	26	
1972	4468	4646	24	171	4817	3018	6093	162	32	
1973	3134	5121	13	365	5486	4315	3664	343	17	
1974	3762	5499	18	378	5877	4590	4332	357	13	
1975	3779	4765	29	272	5037	4366	4224	231	28	
1976	4337	5094	262	393	5487	4493	4932	330	273	
1977	4680	6522	396	515	7037	4221	6981	451	406	
1978	5580	5182	364	570	5752	5860	7405	519	388	
1979	5301	4711	512	430	5141	3221	7330	359	493	
1980	3517	4347	673	261	4608	2747	6733	210	718	
1981	4419	3569	527	215	3784	2281	5535	213	568	

Note: 6' and less are treated "empty."

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

Figure G-43  
**BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY**  
**RIVER SECTION: MISSOURI RIVER**

Year	Upbound				Downbound				Total Downbound Barges	
	Dry Barge		Tank Barge		Dry Barge		Tank Barge			
	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Empty	Full		
1970	14359	8313	41	369	8682	9448	15212	299	107	
1971	11288	7023	205	402	7425	6872	11461	466	144	
1972	10322	8356	58	404	8760	8403	10433	342	157	
1973	5882	10126	111	219	10345	7405	8651	220	97	
1974	8244	11467	28	252	11719	6929	11244	227	87	
1975	8534	6823	34	274	7097	7364	7918	259	47	
1976	10035	5973	104	285	6258	6855	9578	176	180	
1977	9910	4868	137	270	5138	5055	9717	159	198	
1978	6788	8157	74	269	8426	8043	10357	221	256	
1979	10977	5713	80	261	5914	3957	12708	182	153	
1980	10008	4295	84	204	4499	2101	9451	147	123	
1981	5946	4474	171	159	4633	2515	8560	115	120	

Note: 6' and less are treated "empty."

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

Figure G-44  
**BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY**  
**RIVER SECTION: TENNESSEE RIVER**

Year	Upbound				Downbound				Total Downbound Barges	
	Dry Barge		Tank Barge		Dry Barge		Tank Barge			
	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Empty	Full		
1970	6955	12973	354	1777	14750	12618	7302	1672	458	
1971	5810	14638	283	1999	16637	13628	6820	1768	509	
1972	6017	14919	332	1949	16868	13807	7125	1761	515	
1973	5551	15724	271	1683	17407	14399	6881	1451	498	
1974	6344	14254	367	1586	15840	12997	7602	1494	460	
1975	5664	14655	486	1656	16311	12307	7926	1588	494	
1976	6653	12950	473	2071	15021	11192	8116	1957	580	
1977	6182	11410	460	2167	13577	9969	7873	1943	587	
1978	6347	15027	462	1972	16999	13157	8751	2037	662	
1979	7040	15325	546	1413	16738	14031	8024	1647	733	
1980	5120	15752	552	1417	17169	14021	6459	1361	568	
1981	6367	13236	438	1110	14346	12229	7497	1050	469	

Note: 6' and less are treated "empty."

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

Figure G-45  
**BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY**  
**RIVER SECTION: OHIO RIVER**

Year	Upbound				Downbound				Total Downbound Barges	
	Dry Barge		Tank Barge		Dry Barge		Tank Barge			
	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Empty	Full		
1970	51748	44153	3676	12552	56705	40547	55347	11716	4514	
1971	49742	45943	4586	13042	58985	40971	54726	12193	5443	
1972	50328	45601	4402	13223	58824	40467	55450	12374	5257	
1973	55008	45340	3411	12401	57741	39828	61032	10929	4599	
1974	54584	42277	4115	10689	52966	36593	60268	10064	4740	
1975	50135	43181	4170	10066	53247	34473	58819	9907	4257	
1976	49285	51513	3445	10663	62176	43024	57850	10335	3736	
1977	55439	47918	2680	10849	58767	39813	63290	10392	3260	
1978	53029	54793	2635	10214	64997	44266	62850	10458	4585	
1979	79194	48349	3810	9936	58285	43805	85571	9245	4816	
1980	66480	48230	4911	8880	57110	42767	72261	8065	5585	
1981	62617	51533	4174	7503	59036	43949	67132	6858	4720	
									71852	

Note: 6' and less are treated "empty."

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

Figure G-46  
BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY  
RIVER SECTION:  
GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY - BETWEEN APALACHEE BAY AND THE MEXICAN BORDER

Year	Eastbound				Westbound				Total Westbound Barges	
	Dry Barge		Tank Barge		Dry Barge		Tank Barge			
	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Empty	Full		
1970	16040	14000	20192	18439	32439	21054	8665	21315	17335	
1971	15994	17191	21856	20072	57263	22164	11001	23471	18503	
1972	14402	19962	18093	21756	41718	24160	10111	23659	17107	
1973	14061	15900	14822	20357	36257	19230	10625	20679	14590	
1974	14551	16218	13702	20185	35403	17963	11733	21024	15526	
1975	15150	13398	14655	20795	34194	17622	10139	21997	15323	
1976	14446	15687	15293	18675	32362	19566	8529	20173	15840	
1977	13964	13098	13941	1913	35011	16593	8723	20395	14988	
1978	13081	13454	12899	19751	33205	15972	8705	19499	14279	
1979	11153	12440	12869	17490	29930	15844	8268	17098	14270	
1980	12002	12277	13403	15688	27962	14076	9501	15956	14170	
1981	11742	11540	14607	15548	27088	13582	9896	15915	14055	
									23931	

Note: 6' and less are treated "empty."

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

Figure G-47  
 BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY  
 RIVER SECTION:  
 BLACK WARRIOR AND TOMBIGBEE RIVERS

Year	Upbound						Downbound						Total Downbound Barges	
	Dry Barge		Tank Barge		Total Full	Empty	Dry Barge		Tank Barge		Total Full	Empty		
	Empty	Full	Empty	Full			Empty	Full	Empty	Full				
1970	4948	176	157	869	2637	925	5796	839	189	5985	7749	5887	7749	
1971	4697	257	150	879	3406	1554	5677	817	210	5887	8258	6298	9564	
1972	5445	3019	111	989	4088	2380	6090	916	178	6298	5923	5923	8985	
1973	4800	3159	129	896	4055	2194	5771	868	152	6685	9478	318	6685	
1974	5028	3660	274	523	4183	2322	6367	471	277	6472	8542	407	8542	
1975	5390	2468	248	437	2905	1678	6195	392	277	6472	7294	241	7294	
1976	5966	3208	210	471	3679	2123	7053	433	280	7301	9703	306	6490	
1977	5887	3147	247	445	3592	2013	7021	389	280	6490	9324	493	9324	
1978	5396	3081	259	502	3583	1848	6796	374	201	7914	9760	192	7914	
1979	6171	2738	345	402	3140	1564	7421	282	201	9432	10409	407	9432	
1980	7559	2259	237	397	2656	1112	8457	192	407	9105	10777	407	10777	
1981	7957	2256	233	296	2552	1144	9025	201	201	9432	10777	407	10777	

Note: 6' and less are treated "empty."

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

**APPENDIX H**  
**FINANCIAL FORECASTING MODEL**

## **FINANCIAL FORECASTING MODEL FOR AN INLAND BARGE AND TOWING COMPANY**

The financial forecasting model is based on revenue and cost parameters which are unique to each barge and towing company. Forecasted revenue is based upon expected market share, available equipment, utilization and freight rates. Expected costs are dependent upon fixed and variable towing costs, annual barge costs, port expenses, and sales, general and administrative expenses. The model used is the FCS-EPS<sup>1</sup> computer spread sheet package.

### **PARAMETERS**

Each of the parameters must be estimated for the forecast period. For example, market share is determined from an analysis of historical market shares and estimations of whether the shares for each commodity group are expected to increase, decrease, or remain constant. The historical shares are calculated by dividing the company's actual tonnages by the industry tonnages described in Chapter IV and Appendix G. The expected market share percentages are then multiplied by the forecasted industry tonnages to get forecasted company tonnages. In the model, the commodity tonnages are grouped by equipment type: open, covered, and tank barges.

### **MODEL SECTIONS**

The model is developed in three sections. The Logic Section describes all of the company parameters (C.P.) and their mathematical relationships. The Data Section provides the inputs values for the parameters for all time periods used in the model. The Report Section formats the outputs for presentation of the forecast results.

The Logic Section is described below in detail. Other standard spreadsheet packages can also be used by applying these equations. The company data can then be entered on each line for the desired time periods.

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LOGIC SECTION

Revenue

- 1) Annual Tonnage:Covered Hoppers (Based on Market Share)
- 2) Number of Covered Hoppers (Company Parameters--C.P.)
- 3) Annual Tonnage Per Covered Hopper (= Line 1/Line 2)
- 4) Average Tonnage per Trip:Covered Hoppers (C.P.)
- 5) Number of Loads Per Year Per Covered Hopper (= Line 4/Line 5)
- 6) Averaged Loaded Trip Miles:Covered Hoppers (C.P.)
- 7) Cargo Ton Miles:Covered Hoppers (= Line 2 x Line 4 x Line 5 x Line 6)
- 8) Revenue Per Cargo Ton Mile:Covered Hoppers (C.P.)
- 9) Total Revenue:Covered Hoppers (= Line 7 x Line 8)
- 10-19) Repeat for Open Hoppers
- 20-29) Repeat for Tank Barges
- 30) Demurrage Revenue (C.P.)
- 31) Other Income (C.P.)
- 32) Total Revenue (= Line 9 + Line 19 + Line 29 + Line 30 + Line 31)

Towing Costs

- 33) Fixed Towing Cost (C.P.)
- 34) Cost Per Cargo Ton Mile (C.P.)
- 35) Variable Towing Cost (= Line 34 x (Line 7 + Line 17 + Line 27))
- 36) Total Towing Cost (= Line 35 + Line 33)

Barge Expense

- 37) Annual Cost Per Barge:Covered Hoppers (C.P.)
- 38) Annual Cost:Covered Hoppers (= Line 2 x Line 37)
- 39) Annual Cost Per Barge:Open Hoppers (C.P.)
- 40) Annual Cost:Open Hoppers (= Line 12 x Line 39)
- 41) Annual Cost Per Barge:Tank Barges (C.P.)
- 42) Annual Cost:Tank Barges (= Line 22 x Line 41)
- 43) Total Annual Barge Cost (= Line 38 + Line 40 + Line 42)

Port Expenses

- 44) Port Expenses Per Barge Load (C.P.)
- 45) Port Expenses:Covered Barge (= Line 2 x Line 5 x Line 44)
- 46) Port Expenses:Open Hoppers (= Line 12 x Line 15 x Line 44)
- 47) Port Expense:Tank Barges (= Line 22 x Line 25 x Line 44)
- 48) Total Port Expenses (= Line 45 + Line 46 + Line 47)

Other Expenses

- 49) Other Expense (C.P.)
- 50) Total Operating Expense (= Line 36 + Line 43 + Line 48 + Line 49)
- 51) Gross Operating Profit (= Line 32 - Line 50)
- 52) Sales, General and Administration Expense (C.P.)

Earnings

- 53) Earning Before Interest and Taxes = Line 51 - Line 52

APPLICATION

Using a financial forecasting model, the planner can determine the potential effects upon earnings due to changes in market share, freight rates, equipment configuration or operating patterns.

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